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THE IMPERIALISTS PROFESS to have grave doubts, regretfully entertained, that the volatile and impetuous Cubans are capable of self-government, and they do not think it would be safe to withdraw American soldiers from the island until an impeccable petty judiciary and an intelligent, efficient and incorruptible police force shall have been established in every precinct in Cuba and approved by the syndicated looters who brazenly pretend to speak for the government of the United States.

What is the recognized test and proof of the ability of a people to govern its affairs upon a republican basis? Cheeral submission to the legally ascertained and recorded will of a majority of lawful citizens. No imperialist will pretend to question that, unless he is the sort of voracious lunatic who is willing to swallow his sworn promise between two gold pieces.

Well, the most dangerous question before the Cuban Constitutional Convention, the eligibility of General Gomez to the Presidency, was determined affirmatively by a majority of one, and the minority accepted the decision without a murmur. According to the imperialists, these volatile, excitable Latins should have started a riot then and there and demonstrated the inferiority of the race by drawing knives and proclaiming a revolution.

Another notable thing is that the convention, of its own motion and its own good time, has appointed a central committee to draw up a plan of the relations that are to exist between Cuba and the United States. Of course, the imperialist wolf up the stream will still insist that the Cuban lamb is muddying his drink, and the plan of relations will be rejected before it is formulated.

The plain truth is that the Cubans are fitter for self-government than thousands of persons who are citizens of the United States and voters in its territories. In this country are whole communities of people who are absolutely illiterate, do not speak English, do not know the meaning of party names, know nothing of our form of government and regard a political campaign as a continuous fiesta, productive of whisky, tobacco and small coins for their benefit. They elect justices who do not know a law book from a horse block or a grand jury from a charge of larceny. Yet they elect Legislators by ballots which they cannot read, and sit as jurors to determine issues between Americans.

And yet we are told that people who frame an admirable constitution and prove their acceptance in good faith of the American principle of majority rule must be held in leading strings until they produce a better police force than Philadelphia can boast.

GRADY IS NOT going to have any new libel law. He will stand or fall, he says, by the repeal of the act of 1897. In that case he will probably fall.

To the newspapers of the State it is a matter of no very great consequence whether the act of 1897 shall remain as it is or be subjected to such reasonable amendment as has been suggested in the House. But a bare repeal, with knowing exactly what is to replace it, no one who cares at all for the principle of liberty will tolerate, and it is not conceivable that the Legislature will consent to any such thing, even to please the gang.

Mr. Grandy seems to have had a bad fall with his constitutional amendment trick and it would be well for him not to expose himself so recklessly in slippery places. We judge that he is destined to slip up on his repeal.

DURING THE YEAR 1900 the total amount of money in this country in the treasury and in circulation increased $198,000,000, and from $25.98 per head to $28.38. Gold has increased in round numbers $90,000,000 through imports and our own production. National bank notes increased almost exactly $100,000,000 on account of the gold standard law of last March. It is a notable fact that, while the balance of foreign trade in our favor was $648,000,000, the excess of gold imports over gold exports for the year amounted to only $12,600,000, leaving apparently unaccounted for in exchange due on account of our excess of foreign exports $636,000,000, and this is further increased by the fact that we exported $25,000,000 more of silver than we imported.

We used to hear a great deal of talk during the silver debate about expansion of currency and the resulting dangers should silver be remonetezed. Yet under present conditions the outstanding monetary volume of the country has expanded by not less than 25 per cent. within the brief space of little more than three years. The dangers may be in the future, and we have present evidence in the great inflation of debt following trust consolidations. But aside from this there has been a remarkable expansion in legitimate business, and in this we have a vindication of the theories of the free coinage people, of the good results to business that would follow such a policy. It has come about through an increase in gold production and National bank currency, amounting to an increase of money in the country in one year to $198,000,000.

The interesting puzzle in our commercial relations with foreign countries is how they manage to square their debts with the United States. We were the creditor nation of the world last year to the extend of over $660,000,000, including silver in our merchandise exports, yet the balance of gold we received in excess of our gold exports was only $12,400,000. How has the balance of $660,000,000 been adjusted? Quite recently Mr. N, T. Bacon, in the "Yale Review." undertook to investigate this subject in giving the results of researches he had made. He estimated that the net foreign indebteness of the United States last year amounted to $2,830,000,000. On this Mr. Bacon figures out we have to pay net annual interest amounting to $90,000,000; that $50,000,000 is spent each year by American travelers, and that $10,000,000 is taken over there every year by those who expatriate themselves. He allows $50,000,000 more to cover all contingencies, and concludes that our annual remittance across the water are $200,000,000. This leaves a big balance to be explained. It would reduce the apparent foreign debt to the United States on last year's commerce to over $400,000,000. Our old bonded indebtedness to Europe has been greatly reduced by the return of American securities, but European capitalists still have large and increasing holdings of real and personal property in the United States, and it is estimated we pay foreign shipping that carries our commerce at leased $100,000,000 a year. But with all these set-offs it it is evident a considerable proportion of our excess of exports is allowed to remain in Europe for purposes of investment. That is the only explanation. It is an unrecorded debt and its amount must be guessed at from the best information available.

DEATHS.

Prominent Citizens of Centre County Called to Rest.

MRS. MARY F. STIVER.

Mrs. Mary F. Stiver died at her home in this place at 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning after a brief illness of pneumonia. Her age was 75 years, 2 months and 3 days.

The deceased's maiden name was Bike, and she was raised in Aaronsburg. Her marriage to Thomas J. Stiver took place about 1847. To this union nine children were born; all except John, who died in infancy, survive the mother and father, the latter having died in 1871. The children are all actively engaged in business, and are prominent figures in their community. They are: Samuel L., conducting a Military Academy at Bunkerhill, Ill.; Dr. W. B., Freeport, Ill.; Perry O., editor of the Bulletin, Freeport, Ill.; Dr. Roland J., Lena, Ill.; Dr. Thomas J., Denver, Colorado; Dr. David, (dentist,) Chicago, Ill.; Bella, wife of Dr. J. E. Ward, (dentist), Bellefonte, and Miss Maggie, at home.

The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the house. Interment in the cemetery at this place after which services will be held in the Lutheran church, her pastor, Rev. J. M. Rearick, officiating.

MRS. ABRAM V. MILLER.

It is with regret that the death of Nancy Jane, wife of County Commissioner Abram V. Miller, which sad event occurred at her home in Pleasant Gap Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, is chronicled, says the Daily News. Just a week prior to her death she was seized with an attack of the grip which finally developed into pneumonia resulting in her death at the above stated time. Deceased whose maiden name was Nancy Jane Potter, was a daughter of the late Samuel Potter, of Penns Valley. She was born in Penns Valley 68 years ago and most of her early life was spent at Potters Bank.

She was married to Abram V. Miller who survives her with two children, George and Elizabeth, both at home.

She leaves two brothers and two sisters namely, James, of Illinois; William, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Daniel McBride, of Lawrence, Kansas, and Mrs. Margaret Alexander, of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Miller was a consistent member and an earnest worker in the Presbyterian church. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Miller home at Pleasant Gap. Interment in the Union cemetery at that place.

JOHN DORMAN.

John Dorman, a life long and highly respected resident of Clintondale, died at his home Tuesday night of typhoid pneumonia, at the age of seventy-six years. His surviving children are Milton, of Mill Hall; Samuel, of Zion, and Annie, at home. The funeral will take place Friday morning, interment at Mt. Bethel.

WILLIAM HARPER.

William Harper died at his home in Bellefonte Tuesday noon of erysipelas. The funeral will take place Saturday morning. Deceased was born at Spring Bank, and was aged sixty-four years. His wife, formerly Miss Gramley, and two daughters survive him.

MRS. A. L. BARTGES.

Mrs. A. L. Bartges, of Loganton, died Monday evening of last week, after a lingering illness, aged fifty-two years. She is survived by her husband and two sons, John and George. The funeral took place Thursday morning following. The services were conducted by Rev. Wetzel of the Reformed church, interment being made at Rebersburg.

JOHN DELANEY.

John Delaney, of Bellefonte, at the age of seventy-nine years, died on 13th inst. The deceased came to this county from Ireland in 1852. Later he farmed at Abdera from which place he moved to Bellefonte.

Approaching Sales.

The sale of the Bibles, at the residence of J. R. Bible, one mile north of Potters Mills, will take place Saturday Feb. 23.

Friday, March 1, is the date of sale of J. A. Sankey, east of Potters Mills, one of the largest sales of the season.

Deaths in Nearby Counties.

Mifflin: At Menno, Nathaniel Rakerd, aged 82 years.

In Lewistown, Mrs. Sue M. Threlkeld, wife of Geore W. Threlkeld, aged 62 years.

Photographs 10 per Cent. Off.

On account of the arrival of a baby boy in the family of Photographer W. W. Smith, the price of photographs will be reduced ten per cent. on Friday, at which time he will be at the Centre Hall gallery.

POSTMISTRESS ARRESTED.

The Mingoville Postmistress Opened Love Letters Out of Curiosity.

Miss Marion Peters, the pretty eighteen-year-old daughter of Daniel Peters, of Hecla Park, was arrested last week and is now under $5000 bail for trial at the next term of the United States Court at Pittsburg for tampering with the mails.

Daniel Peters is postmaster at Mingoville. He is also track foreman on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. While engaged at his work on the railroad his daughter, Miss Marion, attended the postoffice, being alone there much of the time.

Some time ago persons living in that locality made the discovery that their letters were being opened and then resealed. Inquiry at the postoffice failed to bring any explanation or stop the evil.

Complaint was then made to the Postoffice Department at Washington, and Inspector W. M. Malone, of the Western Pennsylvania district, was sent there to investigate. It did not take long for the inspector to make the discovery that the mischief was the work of the pretty assistant postmistress. In fact, she was as good as caught in the act of opening letters. Miss Peters was arrested, waived a hearing and was held for trial.

When arrested she admitted her guilt, stating that she just opened the love letters of the young men and women of that community because she liked to see what they wrote. From opening love letters Miss Peters also got to opening business letters and packages, but never kept anything found in them.

The County Auditors File Their Report.

In addition to the financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of Centre county, which has already been circulated through the county papers, we hereby submit the following auditors' report as it has been filed in the Prothonotary's office. This report shows the healthful condition of the affairs of the county as managed by a Democratic board of commissioners. The report is as follows:

"To the Honorable, the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county:

"The undersigned County Auditors of Centre county, having carefully examined the accounts of the several officers, beg leave to report:

"Your Auditors met in the Court House on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1901, and continued the organization of the previous year's session as follows: Wm. H. Tibbens, president; John H. Beck, secretary; W. M. Walker, clerk; Forney & Walker, attorneys.

"The accounts of Wm. T. Speer, Treasurer, were first taken up and carefully examined, and after a very careful examination of his various accounts we find a balance due the county of $14,056.63.

"The accounts of Daniel Heckman, Philip H. Meyer and Abram V. Miller, County Commissioners, were next audited and compared with the Treasurer's accounts, and found them virtually correct, and that the county funds have been judiciously expended, and we, therefore, unqualifiedly endorse and approve the economical course of reform being inaugurated by the present board of county commissioners.

W. H. TIBBENS, (SEAL.)
JOHN H. BECK, (SEAL.) } Auditors.
ARCHEY ALLISON, (SEAL.)

Attest: W. MILES WALKER.

Rebersburg Select School.

The Spring Session of this school will begin on April 8th, 1901, and continue for nine weeks. Every effort will be made to render satisfaction to both students and parents. For the benefit of those preparing to teach special attention will be given to branches pertaining to the profession, viz: School Government, Algebra, &c. Classes in the higher branches, including Latin and Greek, will also be organized. Boarding and furnished rooms can be obtained at reasonable rates. For further information address

H. W. MORRIS, Principal.

Summer Normal.

A Summer Normal and Academic term will open Monday, April 15th, at Boalsburg and continue for eight weeks. Teachers, preparatory students for college, and others, will find the course adapted to their respective needs.

JAS. C. BRYSON, Principal.

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A NEW IDEA IN CLUBS.

A Wonderful Organization Which Everybody Can Join Without Cost.

"The Current Topics Club" is a new feature which has just been introduced by the great "Philadelphia Press." A large body of experts and specialists in every walk of life has been engaged to furnish to the readers of "The Press," through a current topics department, daily articles of an interesting and informatory character. They will cover every field of activity, will be attractive alike to the old and young and in their entirety will form the foundation for a liberal education. There will be one article a day each week, so that every week six important subjects will be treated.

"The Press" considers the organization of the 'Current Topics Club" as among the most important of its achievements. It is certain to attrack great attention. The only requirement for membership is that you shall be a reader of the "Philadelphia Daily Press."

Miss May Thomas, and Harry Kline were married at the home of the bride in Howard Thursday of last week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Frick, of the Evangelical church. The bride is a daughter of W. H. Thomas, formerly of Tyrone. The groom is a resident of Tyrone, and is a brakeman of the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

GRANGERS FEAR A HEAVIER TAX LOAD

Prepared to Fight the Road Bill Framed by Stone's Commission.

Grangers are fighting the road bill drafted by the State commission appointed by Governor Stone, which is pending in the House and Senate. This measure places the authority of construction of public roads in the control of the Department of Agriculture.

Should this bill become a law, it is estimated that it will increase road taxation 50 per cent., besides creating numerous State offices at high salaries and making room for sixty-eight county engineers. The Grangers will oppose any road bill which will not tax corporate and personal property subject to county taxation for road purposes at the same rate that real estate is taxed.

They are also opposed to the bill creating a Division of Pomology and Horticulture and the numerous other treasury grab bills which have come from the Agricultural Department. The cost of this department during the first year of Secretary Hamilton's administration was $153,000, or $27,000 in excess of the expenses of the last year of Secretary Edge's adminstration.

A meeting of the Legislative committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange was held last week, at which it was decided to oppose any unnecessary increase in the expenses of the Agricultural and all other State departments.

The Grangers have prepared for the information of the House ways and means committee a comparative statement of State and local tax levies, which gives the gross value of each class of property, the amount of taxes paid and the average mill rate computed and compared to enable the committee to formulate a bill which will correct certain gross discriminations against real estate, which is now paying an average rate of sixteen and one-half mills, while corporate and personal property is paying an average of only three mills.

REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Inauguration of President McKinley.

On account of the inauguration of President McKinley on March 4, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its lines to Washington at rate of one fare for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents.) Tickets will be sold on March 1, 2, and 3, good to return until March 8, inclusive. Tickets will also be sold from Harrisburg and intermediate stations, and from Philadelphia and intermediate stations on March 4. These tickets will be good to stop off at Baltimore and Philadelphia within limit of March 8.

SIDE TRIPS.

Special side-trip tickets, limited to March 8, will be sold from Washington in connection with above-mentioned tickets, as follows:—

Old Point Comfort and return, via all-rail line, $6.00; Richmond and return, $4.00.

Via Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company: Old Point Comfort or Norfold and return, $3.50; Virginia Beach and return, including transfer through Norfolk, $4.50.

From Baltimore, via Bay Line or Chesapeak Steamship Company: Norfolk or Old Point Comfort and return, $3.50; Virginia Beach and return, including transfer through Norfolk, $4.50.

Order of Woodmen Alarmed.

The Henderson fraternal beneficial society bill, pending in the House, would compel the Order of Modern Woodmen to raise its initiation fee, and would seriously interfere with the rapid growth of the organization in Pennsylvania. The Woodmen have a membership in this State of nearly 100 000, and it is claimed by some of them that certain rival organizations are working to secure its passage.

Colyer.

Arthur Holdaman visited among his friends at Bellefonte over Sunday.

David Bohn made a flying trip to Centre Hall Tuesday.

Colyer's heading mill opened this week and is running full time.

W. H. Meyer made a business trip to Bellefonte Friday.

There are a great many in this section down with the grip.

Mrs. Frank Wright is improving and there is hope of her recovery

A member of the Colyer's Mills band is thinking of joining the benedicts.

John Horner is working on the Kulp lumber job.

Harry Fleisher, of Centre Hall, will take charge of the Colyer saw mills in the spring.

G. B. Lee is working for E. M. Hayett.

Arthur Holdeman expects to work at the Bellefonte furnace next summer.

Many of the young men of this vicinity are out of work.

The Superior Court sitting at Williamsport reversed the judgment with venire of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, in the case of Thomas vs. Butler.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Julian A. Fleming reports the sale of 5000 pounds of binder twine.

At Tamaqua, Pa., last week, water sold at one dollar per barrel and was good stock in trade.

Samuel Frederick, of Farmers Mills, lost a valuable horse Monday. The animal was said to be worth $150 00.

Robert Coldren, of Spring Mills, who had several hemorrhages of the lungs is able to be about again and do light work.

Sleighing Sunday was not very good and poor to Bellefonte. An inch of snow fell Sunday night; Monday morning colder.

James S. Woods, son of J. M. Woods, Esq., of Lewistown, was appointed to a cadetship in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Ten adults were admitted to membership in the Lutheran church Sunday afternoon. Four by certificate, five by confirmation and one by renewal.

H. M. Cane, of Spring Mills, Sunday night was attacked with a peculiar but severe pain across his breast, and since that time his condition has been critical.

Gen. James A. Beaver and John M. Dale, Esq., of Bellefonte, Tuesday started for Tampa, Florida. The gentlemen will also go to Cuba and possibly to Porto Rico.

E. L. Bartholomew has been selected as organist in the Reformed church at this place. He is a young man naturally inclined to music and no doubt will make a junior Paderwiski.

The Reporter acknowledges a map of Pennsylvania showing the vote for President in 1901, and population in 1900 by counties, and other valuable information, received from Hon. Wm. M. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tharp, of Pitcairn, Pa., who were visiting with the latter's mother, Mrs. Gettig, at Linden Hall, returned to Pitcairn on Wednesday, where Mr. Tharp is working for the P. R. R. Co.

Commissioner P. H. Meyer was delayed last week in delivering election supplies in the Philipsburg districts by a livery horse dying for him. The animal fell dead in his tracks, having shown no previous sickness.

Rev. John Naile has the distinction of being the oldest minister in the Reformed church. He celebrated his one hundredth birthday Tuesday. His home is at Collegeville, Pa. His first charge was at Liverpool, this state.

David Bohn, living on the Sparr farm, near Boalsburg, will have one of the large sales of the season. His stock is composed of eight work horses, nine cows, fourteen head of young stock, hogs, and a lot of good implements.

Joe Stone, of Linden Hall, had his ankle crushed at the Linden Hall lumber company's saw mill recently. He is one of the truckers at the mill. The accident happened at the "wharf," and was caused by the engines running together.

Robert Foreman is nursing one of his hands, on which there is a sore of the nature of a carbuncle. A few months ago his other hand was similarly afflicted, which caused him much pain and annoyance for a considerable length of time.

Rev. F. F. Christine, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian charge in this place, but now living at Elysburg, has received and accepted a call to the charge at Harden, Shelby county, Ohio, and will go to that place about the last of March.

The leading article in McClure's Magazine for March will be a character study of Edward the Seventh, written by George W. Smalley, the American corespondent of the London Times; and illustrated by a remarkable collection of photographs.

Thomas Swartz, of Tusseyville, Monday morning returned from Spring Mills with a broken sleigh shaft, which no doubt was caused by an "upset." Cupid is drawing his bow and pointing his arrow directly at the young man referred to, and if he lets go the hearts of two will beat as one.

B. W. Ripka, of Centre Hill, who recently returned from Chambersburg where he took a course in the Chambersburg Business College, made a call at the Reporter office Saturday. Any one needing the services of a young man for office work will find Mr. Ripka abundantly equipped to fill the position.

Caslo Yeager was scalded on the face and one arm by the explosion of a coffee pot. He was at work in Reedsville painting, and set his coffee pot, which was a molasses can with a tight lid, on a register to warm. When it began to boil he pushed it off the register, when it exploded, throwing steam and hot coffee over him.

OPPOSES EXPEDITION.

The United States Will Act in the Role of Peacemaker.

EFFORTS TO GET AID OF POWERS.

Indications Point to the Doom of the Ancient Empire at the Hands of the Powers--An Appeal Will Likely Be Made to Germany, Backed Up, Probably, by Russia and Japan, to Hold Off Hostilities.

Washington (Special).—The more reason for calling an extra session of Congress may be evolved from the critical situation in China.

This Government, according to the present intention, will decline to participate in the belligerent operations which are contemplated, but conditions and circumstances are sure to arise in which the United States will be deeply interested and which cannot avoid being dealt with. There seems to be no doubt here that if hostilities are resumed there will be no cessation until the Chinese Empire becomes a thing of the past.

There has all along been a suspicion that some excuse would be found for action intended to lead to the dismemberment of the oldest Government in the world. China unquestionably perhaps has delayed and protracted the peace negotiations, but to those who look at both sides of the case there is more or less evidence of the purpose to insist upon such harsh terms and to bring matters to such a point as to make it practically impossible for China to yield. In fact, the dispatches from Pekin and from several of the European capitals have more than once plainly hinted at such an intention. It was said when the allies began their march on Pekin they had gone to stay, and it looks like it.

It is not likely there is any sentiment worth considering in this country in favor of the acquisition of Chinese territory. Notwithstanding, there are contingencies which might result in dragging us into the business whether we will or not. It may be held by the powers that the fact of our participating up to this time in the military operations in China, in the occupation of its capital and in the council of diplomatic representatives which formulated the demands upon it commits us to any further joint movements which may be concluded upon. If we refuse they may contend as we have withdrawn from the partnership we will be entitled to none of the profits.

The President has from the beginning of the Chinese troubles insisted upon maintaining for this country the most conservative attitude and has avoided absolutely any appearance of entering into the ulterior designs of the European Governments. He might very properly, therefore, decline to take part in the aggressive movements. But, as said, inevitably we cannot maintain an altogether passive attitude and must take action to protect American interests.

INSURGENT LEADERS CAPTURED.

Villamor and Alejandris Surprised by Troops --Proofs Against Carman.

Manila (By Cable).—Eighty men of the Fifth United States Infantry and a detachment of scouts surprised the insurgent leaders, Villamor and Alejandris, near Paperia. Villamor was wounded.

There have been further incriminating developments in the charges against Dr. D. M. Carman, the American contractor, who, with his partner, Theodorio Carranza, a Spanish merchant, was arrested February 6, charged with furnishing supplies to aid the insurgents. Proof has been secured of his dealings with the rebels, showing that he supplied them with uniforms, provisions, money and some arms.

STARVED AND FROZEN TO DEATH.

Boy's Shocking Fate in Mine Breach--Fingers Worn Off Trying to Escape.

Patton, Pa. (Special).—The body of Charles Fetsco, the seven-year-old son of John Fetsco, who had been missing from his home for four days, has been found in a mine breach near Hastings. The boy is supposed to have wandered from his home and to have accidentally fallen into the hole. The discovery of his almost nude corpse in the big hole, which was seven feet deep, showed that he starved and froze to death after making a most desperate effort to escape. His feet and fingers were worn through in an effort to pull himself out of his awful prison. He had taken off all his clothes but his undershirt and piled them up in an effort to raise himself high enough to catch the edge.

Daughters of the Revolution.

Washington (Special).—The opening session of the Tenth Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the Grand Opera House here. Mrs. Daniel Manning, the president-general, called the congress to order and introduced the chaplain-general, who read a paper. Mrs. Manning delivered an address of welcome, to which a response was made by Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, state regent of Connecticut. The remainder of the session was occupied with the reading of reports of committees.

Explosion on a Warship.

Washington (Special).—A mail report giving an account of the bursting of a shell in the bore of one of the big thirteen-inch guns of the United States warship Kearsarge has been received at the Navy Department. The accident occurred several weeks ago while the ship was at target practice off Pensacola, Fla. The damage is said to be not serious and consisted mainly in the deforming or "gouging" of the tube. This will not prevent the gun from being used again.

Town Shaken by Dynamite.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—One of the most daring robberies that has occurred in this section in years was committed at Rocky Hill, near this city. The burglars forced an entrance into Williamson & Griggs' general merchandise store and wrecked the safe with dynamite. The explosion shook the entire village. The men then set fire to the store and escaped amid the excitement. There were several hundred dollars in the safe, which it is believed the burglars secured. The store, building and contents, valued at $20,000, were destroyed.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

William Hamilton, an Atlanta student, killed Mrs. Wilson, a youthful widow, and then himself in a woods in the suburbs of Atlanta. Before killing himself he set fire to the woods. Their bodies were partly burned.

The subcommittee on transportation of the Industrial Commission, at a meeting in New York, investigated the combination of railroads and coal companies in the anthracite region.

Fred King, colored, was trailed to his home at Dyersburg, Tenn., by bloodhounds, and was lynched. He confessed an assault upon a white woman.

Mrs. Nation has issued an address, in the name of the Home Defenders, to those desiring to aid in the work of suppressing the liquor traffic.

The wooden water reservoir of Abingdon, Va., exploded and inundated the town. Several men were injured.

Dean Eugene A. Hoffman, of the General Theological Seminary, declared his purpose to give all the money needed, in whatever way, to vindicate Rev. John Keller, who was shot and badly wounded by Mr. Barker.

General Attorney Waggener, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, has advised the company to treat as common burglars the women temperance crusaders who have been breaking into the company's depots in Kansas.

Charles Saul Jacobson, 16 years old, eloped from Williamsburg, N. Y., to Boston with his aunt, Mrs. Mary Meyers, who carried along with her $500 of her husband's money. Both were arrested.

Isaiah van Metre, the editor of a weekly newspaper in Waterloo, Ia., claims that Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnaper of young Cudahy, called at his house and confessed to him.

James Hultz, a wealthy farmer, of near Marion, Ind., believes that his daughter Minnie, 18, who recently disappeared, has been kidnaped and is held for ransom.

George Johnstone, the victim of a case of mistaken identity, was released from penitentiary after having served an eight years' sentence for a man who looked like him.

Mayor Van Wyck vetoed the Police Bill, on the ground that it gives the Governor of the State autocratic power over the New York city police.

Dr. William Cowgill, a dentist, of Paducah, Ky., was horsewhipped by Mary Murphy, a servant girl, who charged him with winking at her.

The Morgan-Rockefeller syndicate paid $14,000,000 for the Fairmont coal field, and is negotiating for the Harrison county field.

An express train was wrecked at Mills City, Nev., the fireman and three passengers killed and six persons injured.

The residences of Dr. Wilbur Hodgins and Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, in Roanoke, Va., were destroyed by fire.

Two little girls held up Mrs. Mary Alschang in New York and robbed her of her pocketbook and packages.

The jury in Newport News, Va., awarded to Mrs. Ellen Downey, of Washington, a verdict for $5000 damages against the Newport News and Old Point Railroad and Electric Company.

Judge Jesse J. Phillips, of the Supreme Court of Illinois, who was brevetted brigadier general during the Civil War, died at his home in Springfield, Ill.

The strike of the Cleveland molders was settled, an amicable agreement having been reached with the National Founders' Association.

William J. Bennett, a Lake Shore brakeman, had a desperate fight on the top of a moving box car with two robbers.

Colonel Peter S. Mitchie, professor at the West Point Military Academy, died there, at the age of 71 years.

A capias was issued in Williamsburg, Va., for Topeko Joe, who is believed to be in Kentucky.

Patrick Heelan, Howard Crichton and James Hines escaped from the Petersburg jail.

Judge William Bayard Fuller, formerly of Winchester, Va., died at Durant, I. T.

The authorities of Chambersburg, Pa., will make an investigation into the death of Mrs. Joseph Forsythe, whose husband showed unseemly haste in burying her.

Judge Hook, in Leavenworth, Kan., refused to release ex-Captain Oberlin M. Carter on bail pending his appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Michael McQuaid, by great bravery, saved Mrs. Borsi and her two children, who were locked in a burning tenement house in New York.

Nancy Wood, colored, 103 years old, set herself on fire, while lighting her pipe, in Philadelphia, and was burned to death.

George W. Brientnall, the "Drummer of Shiloh," a hero of the Civil War, died at his home in Lancaster, Pa.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, president of the W. C. T. U., has written a letter praising Mrs. Nation's work.

Albert Neilson, 15 years old, was killed by a Bengal tiger at the Zoo in Indianapolis.

Gilbert A. Pierce, ex-senator from North Dakota, died at his home in Chicago.

John G. W. Myers, after a preliminary hearing in Hanover, Pa., on the charge of being the author of a number of incendiary fires about Hanover, was committed without bail.

At the National Capital.

Secretary Gage, in an interview, says the new countervailing duty on Russian sugar is purely a question of law and of fact.

The St. Louis Exposition Bill passed the House by a vote of 191 to 41. The result was received with applause.

The President sent a list of promotions in the Army and Navy to the Senate.

The committee representing the Cuban Economic Convention called on Secretary Root and asked for the abolition of the export duty on tobacco and for the loan of breeding cattle.

Captain Cyril W. King, assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., was discharged from the army.

The President told senators who called upon him that Congress would be called in extra session as soon as the Cuban Constitution was received.

The Navy Department issued orders for Rear Admiral Rogers to relieve Rear Admiral Kempff as senior squadron commander at the Asiatic Station.

EXCITING RAIDS IN TOPEKA

Mrs. Carrie Nation Leads a Fierce Sunday Onslaught.

SHE WAS ARRESTED FOUR TIMES.

It Was the Most Destructive of All the Onslaughts She Has Yet Conducted, and Gave the People of the Kansas Capital a Most Exciting Sabbath--The Hatchet Brigade Was Organized With Military Discipline.

Topeka, Kan. (Special).—Mrs. Carrie Nation put in a busy Sunday in Topeka, and as a result the capital city has experienced more genuine excitement than can be remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Mrs. Nation literally filled the day with thrilling episodes.

She succeeded in having the contents of a notorious joint smashed, broke into a cold storage plant where a number of fine bars had been stored away for safety and demolished them, addressed a large mass meeting of men and women and was arrested four times. The last time that the law laid its hands upon her was when Mrs. Nation emerged from the church where the mass meeting had been held.

At 6 o'clock, just as the big bell on the Church of the Assumption tower was striking the hour, Mrs. Nation sallied forth from the state house grounds at the head of 500 men and women, all armed with hatchets, and axes, and moved on the joints of the city. Nobody but Mrs. Nation knew what plans she had laid.

In the crowd were a large number of students of Washburn College, some of the ministers of the city and a number of professional and business men. The crowd marched in perfect military order, the men and women following their recognized leader, whom they seemed to trust implicitly.

When Murphy's place was reached the work of demolition began. Mrs. Nation, brandishing a new hatchet, headed the onslaught. Hardly five minutes after Mrs. Nation had begun the smashing, what was once a well furnished saloon was in complete ruins.

Her work over, Mrs. Nation proudly emerged from the place and was arrested. She went along with the officer, followed by her band and the crowd that had gathered. At the police station she was released promptly, and hurried back to her work.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Some of the Work Being Done By the National Legislature.

Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, introduced a bill for the revival of the grade of vice admiral in the Navy, and authorizing the President to appoint two rear admirals to that office. The bill is in the interest of Admirals Sampson and Schley, and is intended to aid in solving the problem of their promotion, as well as the promotion of other officers who served with them in the Spanish War. Senator Hale introduced a joint resolution of thanks to Admiral Sampson, in accordance with the President's recent recommendation.

The Senate Committee on Commerce concluded the consideration of the River and Harbor Bill. Action upon several amendments heretofore adopted has been reconsidered and various House provisions recast, until the total appropriation has been reduced below that made by the House. The Nicaragua Canal amendment was voted down.

In the Senate the Oleomargarine Bill displaced the Ship Subsidy Bill.

The Senate committee reported the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill. As amended, it carries $1,865,228.

The House committee reported favorably the Senate joint resolution giving bronze medals to the officers and men of the North Atlantic Suadron participating in the battle of Santiago Bay.

Senator Teller gave notice to the Senate that the opposition to the Ship Subsidy Bill would not allow a vote to be taken on that measure during the present session.

Senators Elkins and Morgan are trying to get the Senate Committee on Commerce to put a Nicaragua Canal rider on the River and Harbor Bill.

The House Committee on Elections decided unanimously in favor of Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, maintaining his right to his seat.

In the House the Sundry Civil Bill was under consideration, Secretary Gage's negotiations with the National City Bank of New York being the subject of criticism.

DE WET KEEPS THEM GOING.

Crosses a Railway, Cuts the Lines, and Partly Checks the British Advance.

London (By Cable). — General Kitchener, telegraphing from De Aar, Cape Colony, says:

"De Wet's force crossed the railway at Boartmans Siding, north of here, before daylight February 15, closely followed by Plumer, Crabbe and armored trains. They engaged the enemy while crossing. The Boers, however, cut the lines north and south of the place of crossing.

"We captured over twenty wagons, many of which were loaded with amunition, and also a Maxim, 20 prisoners and over one hundred horses. The troops are still in close pursuit."

Southern Spinners.

Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—Four hundred and fifty thousand spindles were represented at the meeting of the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association, held in this city. The meeting was called for the express purpose of effecting a curtailment in the production of cotton yarns, and the result is that for four months from March 1 the production will be reduced about 50 per cent. This will be brought about by a shut down of night work.

One Hundred Years Old.

Philadelphia (Special).—Rev. John Naile, of Trappe, Pa., a small village a few miles from this city, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. He was born near Westminster, Ind., February 18, 1801, and is probably the oldest clergyman in the United States. Mr. Naile was ordained at the age of 40 years. He has occupied Reformed Church pulpits in various towns in this State and at Buffalo, Ind. Despite his years, Mr. Naile enjoyed good health until recently, when he became partly paralyzed.

MANY CABINET RUMORS.

Prevalent Talk of Changes is a Matter of Guess Work.

Washington (Special).—Gossip about Cabinet changes is unusually plentiful at this time but it is largely guesswork. Reports that Ambassador Choate is to return from England to take a cabinet office and that some one is to be appointed to succeed Mr. Choate as Ambassador are pure guesswork. A report that Secretary Root is to succeed Secretary Hay has no substantial foundation. Unless Mr. Hay's continued bad health forces him to resign he will remain in the Cabinet.

Attorney General Griggs will probably not retire until about the first of April when P. C. Knox, of Pittsburg, will probably succeed him.

The President does not expect to change any of his ambassadors unless some one resigns, which is not anticipated. Minister Harris has already resigned and Mr. McCormick, of Chicago, as already announced, will go to Austria as the successor of Mr. Harris.

FIGHT ON A SPEEDING TRAIN.

Brakeman's Plucky Fight on Top of a Box Car With Two Robbers.

Chicago (Special).—On top of a box car at the rear end of a rapidly moving freight train William J. Bennett, a brakeman, gave battle to two highwaymen. One of the robbers had a revolver. With that one Bennett clinched. They rolled and tumbled about together on the top of the swaying car, each endeavoring to hurl the other from the train.

After a desperate struggle Bennett succeeded in getting his adversary in a position where he was able to throw him from the car. At that juncture the confederate of the robber came into the action. He saved his companion and in a scuffle with the brakeman struck him from behind with a billy and rendered him unconscious.

After searching Bennett and securing a small sum of money and a silver watch, it is supposed that the robbers jumped from the train and made their escape.

United States Consul Insane.

Washington (Special).—Max Adler, the vice consul of the United States consulate at Kehl, Germany, has cabled the State Department that the consul there—Alexander Wood—has become insane. He has been taken to the asylum at Strasburg, where the physicians give hope of his ultimate recovery. Mr. Wood was appointed to the consular service from Pennsylvania. The consulate is in charge of the vice consul.

Poison in Oyster Stew.

Toledo, Ohio (Special).—One man is dead, one is not expected to live, and four other persons are ill, as a result of eating an oyster stew. The dead man is C. R. Burnett, of Columbus. Michael McDonald is not expected to live. The others, whose condition is doubtful, are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brillman and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Brillman. Within five minutes after eating the oysters, the six persons named were seized with vomiting spells and muscular cramps. After 12 hours of this, Burnett died.

She Was Inquisitive.

Bellefonte, Pa. (Special). — Miss Marion Peters, assistant postmistress at Mingoville, was arrested for tampering with the mails by Postoffice Inspector Malone, of Harrisburg. Miss Peters admitted the truth of the charge, which was opening letters and packages addressed to others. She acquired the habit through an uncontrolable desire to read the love letters of the young men and women of that community. Miss Peters was held under $500 bail for trial at next term of United States Court.

Another Consumption Cure.

Santa Fe, N. M. (Special).—Professor Weinzorl, of the University of New Mexico, conducting experiments under the authority of the university biological department, has evolved what he pronounces a complete cure for consumption. After long experiments, he has determined that the transitory effecs upon the blood corpuscles of a person passing from a lower to a higher altitude are renewed by frequent changes of altitude. By occasional visits to the sea level, he says, the system can be reinvigorated, even when the effects of the higher altitude have been worn off.

Maurice Thompson Is No More.

Crawfordsville, Ind. (Special).—Maurice Thompson, the novelist, died here after an illness of many weeks. He had been kept alive several days by the use of stimulants. James Maurice Thompson, poet and novelist, was born at Fairfield, Ind., September 9, 1844. He wrote half a dozen novels of Western life that were popular; his graceful verse won for him high repute, but his most recent work of fiction "Alice of Old Vincennes," is considered his masterpiece.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

Oak Park (Chicago) carpenters want 37 1-2 cents per hour.

New York Postal Clerks' Union will demand the eight-hour day.

St. Paul bookbinders donated $5 to the striking textile workers of Jamestown, N. Y.

Youngstown quarrymen won a strike against a cut from 20 cents to 17 1-2 cents per hour.

Municipal ownership of gas plants is authorized in the bill which the State legislature committee of the Chicago city council adopted and recommended to the city council.

Among the questions asked applicants for employment by the Christensen Engineering Company, of Milwaukeek, are: "Are you married or single?" "What is your height and weight?" The company states to all applicants by letter that there is a strike on in its machine shop.

Mayor Tuhey welcomed the convention of the International Union Label League at Muncie.

Members of the Chicago Hodcarriers and Building Laborers' Union have been granted 25 cents an hour.

The most important bill introduced in the Texas house prohibits railroad companies from removing the offices, shops, etc., from any county where they have been located for the last ten years, or from their location in any county which has aided such railroad companies by a donation of its bonds, except by consent of the legislature, and providing for injunction to prevent removal.

THREATENING CHINA NOW.

Count Waldersee Calls for All the Available Troops.

ABSENT FOR ABOUT EIGHTY DAYS.

It is Understood that the Expedition Will Pursue the Emperor and Try to Enforce the Allies' Demands--The Emperor Orders Prince Chung to Commit Suicide and Yu Hsien to Be Executed--Gen. Tung Fu Siang Degraded.

Pekin (By Cable).—Count von Waldersee has written to the generals under his supervision notifying them to have all their available troops ready in two weeks for an expedition lasting 80 days.

General Chaffee and General Voyron, the French commander, received letters asking their co-operation and expressing a desire to know what forces they can spare. In beginning his letter to General Chaffee Count von Waldersee says:

"Owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the negotiations for peace and also to circumstances rendering such a course desirable it will probably be necessary to resume military operations on a large scale, especially toward the west."

It is not considered likely that General Chaffee will agree to such a plan without instructions from Washington. The French commander is expected to agree without instructions. Count von Waldersee's plans contemplate offering the command of the expedition in the first instance to Sir Alfred Gaselee, the British commander, but it is believed that, in view of his recent illness, General Gaselee will inform Waldersee that he is unable to accept. In that event the command will be offered to General Voyron, provided the French fall in with the arrangement, which Waldersee believes will be the case.

An announcement is expected soon that the destination of the proposed expedition is Sinan-Fu, where the Chinese Court now is. The foreign envoys believe its object to be to compel the Chinese to accept the terms of the powers. When it becomes known that the expedition has started the Imperial Court, it is believed, will hasten to comply with all the demands of the joint note. Soldiers are much elated at the prospect of active service.

A message delivered to the foreign Ministers by the Chinese Commissioners quotes an Imperial edict sentencing Prince Tuan to commit suicide and Yu-Hsien, former Governor of Shan-Si, to be executed, both in the presence of a high Government official, in order to satisfy the foreigners. Chi-Shiu and Hin-Cheng-Yu will have their cases investigated by Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, whose report the Emperor will consider before execution is pronounced.

NEW ORLEANS CARNIVAL.

Festivities Began With the Momus Parade-Fine Electrical Illumination.

New Orleans (Special).—The carnival proper began with the Momus parade. The city was full of strangers, and the National Building and Loan Association, Jewish Women's Council, Woodmen of the World and the Louisiana Masons assembling here, augmented the crowd. The decorations were more elaborate than usual, and the merchants combined in the special illumination of Canal street with 3000 electric lights.

The Knights of Momus presented "Our Festival," with St. Valentine's Day, All Fools' Day, Independence Day, St. Patrick's, St. John's Eve, New Year's Day, St. Swithin's Day, Fourth of July, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving Day and All Saints' Day, and their characters were represented in magnificent pictures. The final float was a vision of angels, mounted on a car decorated with palms and wreaths of green.

FORTY ENTOMBED MINERS RESCUED.

Terrible Experience in an Ohio Mine--Fire was Started by an Explosion.

Canal Dover, O. (Special).—News reached here of the terrible experience of 40 miners who were imprisoned for four hours in a burning mine at Lindentree, nine miles north of here. The fire was started by the explosion of a barrel of gasoline, which set fire to the timbers in the mouth of the mine. The miners were terrorized when they found egress from the mine cut off and the mine filling with smoke. The calmer ones set about to extinguish the flames, however, and for four hours the 40 men carried water in their tin buckets and threw it upon the flames. In the meantime a rescuing party had been organized in the village, and fought the flames from the outside. None of the imprisoned miners was injured, but all showed the effects of the terrible ordeal.

Competing With New York.

Savannah, Ga. (Special).—Secretary Henry G. Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and Messrs. J. E. Glenny and T. D. Mather, members of the exchange, were here in the interest of turning a part of the options and contract cotton business, all of which now goes to New York, to New Orleans. The Savannah Cotton Exchange, in open session, heard the arguments of the New Orleans men in favor of the proposition. They asserted that New Orleans was in a position to offer as a cotton market a duplicate to whatever New York could offer.

Family of Five Persons Asphyxiated.

Canton, Ohio (Special).—Edward Grimm, local manager of the Cleveland Provision Company, is dead, and his wife, two children, and his wife's sister are in a precarious condition from suffocation. Grimm and his wife had been ill. When the physicians called they found the whole household prostrated. It is supposed natural gas escaped from a leak and filled the house. Grimm came here from Youngstown, Ohio.

American Navy Nation's Pride.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, talking to the Kansas City Social Order of the Loyal Legion at dinner at the Coates' House, held in memory of the anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine, said: "The American navy is a pride to the nation, and it should be looked after, for it will be of importance if ever there should be a war with a foreign nation in the future. No nation could send an army to this country and be successful. And we want a navy that will be a defense, as sure and strong."

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED.

Lured Husband From Home, Killed Him and Returned to Slay Wife.

New Orleans (Special).—A negro named This Jackson was lynched at St. Peter, a station on the Texas and Pacific Road, about twenty miles above the city. Jackson's crime was particularly fiendish.

He visited the home of Alexander Bourgeois, engineer of the drainage machine on Belle Point plantation, some distance from the plantation quarters, going there on a tricycle. He told Bourgeois the manager wanted him, and the engineer mounted the tricycle with him. A little way farther on Jackson stabbed the engineer in the back, and then threw the body into a ditch. He then returned to the house and butchered Mrs. Bourgeois and her two babies and ransacked the house. Two boys were visiting the family, and when they caught the first glimpse of the attack on Mrs. Bourgeois they hid in the woods. After the negro's departure they went to St. Peter and gave the alarm, and returned with a mob of several hundred. The negro was traced to his home, fully identified by the boys, and was hanged and his body riddled with bullets before the sheriff arrived.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S TRADE.

Business Continues of Good Volume in Nearly All Parts of the Country.

New York (Special).—R. G. Dun's & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Business continues of good volume in nearly all parts of the country. Heavy orders come from agents on the road. There is no important change in prices in any department of manufactured goods. The longer the situation remains as at present the surer the business world feels about a rise in prices in the future, for the demand for merchandise for prompt consumption does not decrease.

"At some points there are evidences of an inclination to delay operations on the iron and steel until something definite is known regarding the proposed combination, but this applies only to small undertakings. Purchasers find difficulty in securing even approximate dates for delivery of goods in many products, and mills are so far behind orders as a rule that no new contracts are sought.

"No signs of weakness is apparent in any department of the boot and shoe industry. Some manufacturers have booked orders that will insure running on full time well into May.

"Sales of wool at the three chief eastern markets rose to 6,972,600 pounds, far exceeding all recent records, and showing a gain of 960,600 pounds over the same week last year.

"Wheat was advanced this week by reports of receipts at the mills unfit for grinding. Flour output at Minneapolis is much smaller than a year ago, and a further decrease is expected. Atlantic exports of wheat, including flour, for the week, were 2,478,521 bushels against 1,529,533 last year.

"Failures for the week numbered 257 in the United States against 218 last year, and in Canada 40 against 42 last year."

"Bradstreet's" says:—

"Trade advices are rather more cheerful. This applies as much to current retail business, which has been enlarged by Wintry weather, as it does to opening Spring trade, which finds stimulation in general confidence felt as to the outlook for the coming year.

CARNEGIE COMPANY NO MORE.

Control Understood to Have Been Transferred to the Morgan Syndicate.

New York (Special).—"The Carnegie Steel Company, as such, has ceased to exist except by courtesy."

This statement was made by a high official of the American Steel and Wire Company. By this it was implied that all deals for the transfer of control of that company to the Morgan syndicate have been completed, and that the only delay in making complete and final announcement is due to matters affecting the other companies.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Carnegie Steel Company, was formally selected as the head of the big steel combination.

Mr. Schwab enjoys the confidence of every one with whom he has dealt. He is the only man in the country qualified by ability, training, and temperament to manage the new empire of industry. He has the confidence of Messrs. Morgan and Rockefeller, the love of Carnegie, and the good will of the 50,000 or more employes of the Carnegie Company.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Five Boer prisoners escaped from the island of Ceylon by swimming.

English investors in J. Pierpont Morgan's projects are taking out insurance policies on his life.

The government of New South Wales objects to recruiting in the colony for the South African constabulary.

General von Gossler defended Field Marshal von Weldersee against the attacks of Herr Bebel in the Reichstag.

Thousands of unemployed people in Budapest paraded the streets and smashed the windows of restaurants and stores.

The Duke of Connaught was elected grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Great Britain, in place of King Edward.

Guy Wilson, British under secretary of state for war, has been appointed to act as financial adviser to Lord Kitchener in South Africa.

The Duke of Westminster, reputed to be the richest man in England, and, Miss Shelagh West were married in St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge.

King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandria, inspected the officers and men of Strathcona's Horse, made an address to them and presented the King's colors to the regiment and medals to the men.

Reports as to the condition of the Dowager Empress Frederick are contradictory, but it is believed that she cannot live longer than a few weeks.

The remains of former King Milan of Servia were buried beside those of his great-grandmother, the Princess Ljubicza, at Karlowitz, Austria-Hungary.

The German newspapers continue to criticise the Emperor's pro-Boer sentiments and his very friendly conduct toward Great Britain. One newspaper says that since Prince Bismarck's fall the relations between the Emperor and the nation were never worse.

AN ODDITY IN STATIONERY.

Point lace is the name of the newest notepaper. It comes in square sheets, in lavender, light blue and pale buff. The color shines through the white designs of net and small flowers and leaves.

HAIR ORNAMENTS AND HATS.

Hair ornaments appear in many picturesque novelties. There are wired gauze bows and wings in silver and gilt fastened by a jewelled ornament in odd design; serpent combs which pass through the back coil of hair and appear again on top and shell clasps for fastening bowknots and loose tresses in the back. One new coiffure has the sides undulated, with the back in soft braids low down. High, small coils a la Watteau are piquant with the addition of a crisp velvet bow attached by a rhinestone slide.—American Queen.

A RAINBOW NECKTIE.

The fashion of to-day makes the wearing of a necktie almost a necessity, and dainty scarfs and laces are most acceptable gifts. The rainbow necktie, which is something new, is inexpensive and simple to make, and gives a most artistic touch of color to an otherwise plain costume.

The materials required are two yards of light green chiffon, and five pieces of taffeta binding ribbon, which is only about twelve cents apiece. This may seem like a large quantity of material, but this will make four neckties. It is necessary to have the five pieces of ribbon, as each must be of a different color, green, blue, yellow, violet and pink, and all of the most delicate shades possible. By buying two yards of chiffon, it saves piecing, for the tie must be of that length.

Divide the chiffon into four strips, drawing a thread to cut it by. Make a narrow hem all around each strip, using the finest of silk, or better, a raveling from the chiffon. Gather each piece of ribbon through the centre for about three times the width of the chiffon, and sew across the ends of the tie, leaving a small space between each color. The ribbon on the bottom should be put on the wrong as well as on the right side, that the hem may be covered and also to give a weight to the tie.—The Ladies' World.

THE GERMAN EMPRESS.

Many anecdotes of the kindliness of the Empress of Germany are finding their way into the public prints. She was riding with a couple of attendants through the village of Bornim, near Potsdam, recently, and passed the village schoolhouse. Up at the windows went the youngsters' faces, and the schoolmaster opened a window wide. Her Majesty rode up and asked the teacher what the subject of instruction was. Hearing that it was historical, and that it related to the period of Queen Louise the Good, the Kaiserin asked the master to go on with the lesson while she listened. She was, of course, obeyed, and for over a quarter of an hour Her Majesty remained at the window.

So pleased was she with the juveniles' answers that she told them she would treat them all to cake and chocolate very soon, and rode off amid the cheers of the youngsters. The following day the schoolmaster received a note from Her Majesty saying that the Bornim schoolchildren—400 in number—were to be regaled at her invitation that afternoon upon chocolate, with cream and cake, at the village inn. That there was joy in the village of Bornim need not be stated, nor need the fact that the Empress possesses there 400 very loyal subjects.—Washington Times.

A CLEVER WOMAN.

"Why do you always dress your two daughters alike?" queried a society woman of a friend. "It must be a great deal of trouble, and, as they are not twins, it is not necessary."

"Well," answered the other quite frankly, "it is because of the effect. My girls are rather ordinary looking—not plain; in fact, rather pretty, I think—and with fairly good figures, but quite unnoticeable in their appearance. If one were in brown and the other in blue on the street, no one would ever give them a second glance, but, dressed alike, they look really distinguished. It is the same in a ballroom. When they go in together in pretty, fresh gowns, they accentuate each other, so to speak, and the simplest toilest becomes striking. A pink bow by itself is a pink bow, and nothing else, but two pink bows become immediately an arrangement. You see that idea exemplified on the stage in a ballet. It is the repetiton of dress that gives the effect. If the dancers were in different costumes it would be lost completely. Of course, as you say, it is a bother to have everything to match, and when one frock is ruined, that renders the other useless, too. Still, I think it pays."—New York Tribune.

DO MEN UNDERSTAND WOMEN?

A man can very seldom tell what is passing in a woman's mind. He talks with another man and he can follow his processes; he gets his point of view; he can make a shrewd guess as to how he came to say that, or why he refrained from saying the other.

But a woman's mental processes are not those of a man. Her mental machinery is geared differently. You hear what she tells you. You can make inferences from it; they will be wrong, because you do not know how she came to say what she did; you do not have the clew. Try to guess what she will say next, and you will find that you are all at sea.

The man who says that he understands woman is himself a woman. No man can understand a woman. He may love her. There may exist between his soul and hers that indefinable and celestial sympathy which is the sweetest thing on earth; but he does not understand her.

Her mental operation, her ways of thought, her point of view, will always be as inscrutable to him as the mental processes of an angel. Whether women understand each other is not quite certain. A greater part of the delight that men find in the companionship of women arises from their inscrutability. You cannot measure or exhaust them.

Their charming inconsequence, as they seem to you, will never cease to puzzle you and every fresh conversation reveals a novelty of attitude or opinion.—The Watchman.

LEARNING TO BE A TELEPHONE GIRL.

Each year finds the new recruits who step into the ranks of the telephone brigade representative of a higher training. With every large telephone exchange there is now a regular school for employes. The school rooms are fitted with dummy switchboards and imitation apparatus corresponding to all the other paraphernalia of a regular exchange; and so the beginner in the field is given an opportunity to try her hand at the practical work of the vocation, as well as being afforded an insight into the technical terms and theory. Following the plan now in force in many of the best schools of all kinds, a girl, if she does not learn readily under one teacher, is transferred to the care of another instructor, so that an aspirant is never dismissed as unfitted for the work until she has had a fair trial.

After her period of probation in the school room proper, the newcomer is detailed day after day to sit beside an expert, watch her work, and hear her explanations under all circumstances, until she gets a good idea of the system. It is weeks before she is intrusted with any definite responsibility, and even then she is usually on duty only during the slack hours, when one of the old employes can keep an eye on all she does. Under the new system, whereby a tiny electric light flashes up when a subscriber desires to communicate with some one, there is far less strain upon the operator's nerves than under the old plan, wherein the blare of the bells was constantly in her ears. Inasmuch as the light is extinguished the moment the subscriber has finished talking and hung up the receiver, the telephone girl need not continually bother to inquire: "Are you through?" and inasmuch as she is required to make fewer motions and ask fewer questions, she naturally accomplishes more in any given space of time.—Ledger Monthly.

Gold tissue roses are a stylish touch of color in all black hats.

Princess gowns will be favored this season by women with graceful figures.

Greek tulle is the newest of the transparent draperies for gowns entire, evening waists and accessories.

Renaissance and mercerized grenadines are shown in great variety among the thin cotton materials for Summer gowns.

Soft chips and crinoline straws which can be manipulated easily into any shape are promised as a feature of Spring millinery.

Empire ribbons of varying tints are woven with either silver or gold laurel wreaths and effectively used for chemisette fronts and stocks.

Chiffon roses and poppies with silver centres are another feature of trimming on the ball gowns, but the chiffon must match the costume in color.

The newest purses look old-fashioned, as they are in a style of not so many years ago. They are of kid, rather long, with a bar and clasp top, and are carried in the hand by a little chain loop handle.

Some of the pretty new muslins are printed in all over designs with medallion effects, while other cotton fabrics show both cashmere designs and colors. As for the new batistes, they are prettier than ever, especially the embroidered varieties.

Word comes from Paris that it is no longer the fashion to dye the hair with henna and that the tendency today is toward dark and neutral tints. Again, that hairdressers are endeavoring to abolish the fashion of arranging the hair on the top of the head, which for some seasons past has been so much in vogue.

When it comes to buying diamonds, few women think they have enough pin money.

Sir Robert Hart.

The most famous man in China today is Sir Robert Hart, K. C. B., the Inspector General of Customs, says H. C. Whittlesey in the Atlantic. Throughout the Chinese Empire an import and export duty is levied on foreign and native goods arriving at or leaving the treaty ports, and the revenues from these duties form one of China's principal sources of income. The organization which is responsible for the collection of the revenue is the Imperial Maritime Customs. Its management is entirely in the hands of foreigners, and has been since 1859; that is, for more than forty years foreigners representing the leading Western nationalties have served as employes of the Chinese government in collecting its maritime revenue at the treaty ports, and during that period the Customs Service, which began in a small way, has steadily developed, and became a great and complex organization. Its successful growth and uniform record for so many years are mainly due to the uncommon abilities and remarkable qualities of Sir Robert.

Sir Robert is of medium size, not striking in appearance, and, like many other great men, is modest and unassuming and of an amiable disposition. But he is a man of firm poise and iron force of will. The keystone of the extraordinary organization which he has created is discipline: no laxity is permitted. A copy of the rules and regulations governing the service is given to each new member, so that he knows what is required of him, and what the result will be if he should prove delinquent.

Just as Good.

A teacher who looks after a class of small girls in an uptown Sunday school called upon one of her charges last Sunday to read the first half of the seventh chapter of the book of Ezra. This is what she heard. "Now after these things in the reign of Smith, King of Persia, Ezra the son of Jones, the son of Smith, the son of——"

"Stop," cried the teacher, "where are you reading?"

"The first verse," replied the child.

The teacher, much astonished, looked at the place and there read: "Now after these things in the reign of Artaxerxes, King of Persia, Ezra, the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah."

"Why, there is nothing there about Smith or Jones," she said.

"I know there isn't," replied the child. "But when I'm reading to my grandmother and I come to a place like this she says, 'Oh just say the son of Jones and the son of Smith.'"—New York Sun.

Sweden's New Rifle.

The Cologne Gazette states that experiments have recently been carried out at Rosersberg, Sweden, on a new automatic rifle, which Lieutenant-Colonel Lemchen, director of the school for shooting there, states has all the qualities which could be desired—namely, practical use and simplicity of construction. The rifle resembles the Mauser in appearance, having the same calibre, and consequently taking the same cartridge. When the magazine is filled with rounds, each one is passed automatically into the firing chamber after each shot without the necessity of any action at the breech on the part of the firer. The magazine once charged the soldier has nothing to do but to aim and fire until it is empty. The recoil is less than in other rifles, because the greater part of the gas which causes it is used in reloading the gun automatically. The inventor of the new rifle is Lieuten Friberg.

Lipton's Amiable Reserve.

Sir Thomas Lipton has not changed his attitude of amiable reserve in discussing the fresh contest for the America's cup. He tells me that he has barely heard that his challenge has been accepted, and that he has had no opportunity for considering arrangements respecting the construction of a new yacht. He adds that the terms and conditions of the last race were satisfactory to all concerned, and that the change of date will give a better chance for sport. He says:

"Given favorable conditions of weather, I am confident all arrangements will be completed satisfactorily."

Sir Tom Lipton is as diplomatic as any Irishman of the best type, and promises to give full information about his yacht as soon as the plans are completed.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Roentgen Rays.

The most recent application of the principles of light is the famous X-rays, discovered by Professor Roentgen. The rays are produced by a special form of electrical current sent through a vacuum tube in or around which there is some fluorescent substance. Paper is perfectly transparent where the rays are concerned, as are also aluminum, glass and tin, wood, carbon, leather and slate. The greatest value of the discovery so far has been in surgery, as flesh and skin are among the transparent substances, the location of bullets or other foreign matter thus being made possible.

Another curious property of these rays is that they cannot be refracted or reflected, which makes it possible for them to pass through a powder as easily as through a solid.—New York World.

Most of us would rather profit by the mistakes of others.

THE KEYSTONE STATE.

News Happenings of Interest Gathered From All Sources.

WOMAN SUES AN OIL PRODUCER.

Firemen Became Intoxicated at a Ball and Then Cut a Line of Hose in Use--Sleighing Party Upset, Horses Frightened by Cars Run Away at Break-Neck Speed--Tried to Stop a Dog Fight--Poison in a Rabbit Bite--Other News.

Miss Amanda Harvey, of Franklin, who came prominently before the public a few weeks ago through the publication of a story that she had fallen heir to an $800,000 estate left by a Toledo, O., business man, who, she declared was her step-father, has brought action against John C. Foringer for alleged breach of promise, claiming $10,000 damages. The statement of Miss Harvey's claim sets forth that Foringer promised to marry her on March 19, April 15, May 1 and 2, June 15, and at other times during 1898. She alleges that she has remained single, and refused other offers of marriage. Foringer is a well-known young man of Franklin and an oil producer. He stated in an interview that the suit was simply persecution and that his answer would deny every allegation made by the plaintiff. Miss Harvey is an orphan and is several years the senior of young Foringer.

At a fire which broke out in the White Hall Hotel stables, Harrisburg, there were some scenes enacted which have set Harrisburg people to talking. There was a firemen's ball in progress at the time and a number of the men were intoxicated. When they reached the fire they attempted to interfere with the sober men at work. There were a number of fights, and the police were kept busy throwing drunken firemen out of the fire lines. Fire Chief Lutz was active in keeping out the disorderly element, and to revenge themselves the latter cut the hose with an axe and succeeded in sending a second alarm from the fire box. They were about to send in a third alarm when they were driven away by the chief. During the excitement a drunken man stole Chief Lutz's team and drove off with it. Several men of the department were hurt by drunken firemen throwing them down or pulling them from ladders.

The helpers employed in the locomotive shops of the Erie Railroad Company in Susquehanna went out on strike. They refused to assist the non-union men brought by the company from New York to fill the places of the striking union men. The new men are guarded by regular detectives and special officers, and they are fed and lodged in the shops. The entire shops will close down on Saturday for the day.

Horatio Rieley, a machinist of Allegheny, has been suffering from a peculiar malady for the past week. He is ill with hiccoughs, and it is feared he cannot live. His hiccoughs average 20 to the minute. At this rate, he hiccougher 1200 times in every hour, or 28,000 times every 24 hours. Whether asleep or awake, whether under the influence of narcotics or chloroform, he has kept up the hiccoughing continuously for four days with practically no intermission.

A sleighing party returning from Taylorsville had a thrilling experience. While nearing Mahanoy Plane their team of four horses became frightened at an engine whistle and upset the sleigh, throwing the occupants over an embankment, while the team made for home at a break-neck speed. Several of the party were badly cut and bruised and were obliged to seek shelter in near-by houses.

The Inland Traction Company and the Allentown and Coopersburg Street Railway Company have consolidated with $1,500,000 capital and a bonded debt of an equal amount. The companies have leased the Allentown and Coopersburg Turnpike, along which they will immediately build a trolley line designed to eventually connect Allentown and Philadelphia.

The committee desiring to settle the strike of the girls at the Bamford Silk Mill, Wilkes-Barre, has been refused a hearing by the managers of the mill. Chairman P. J. Boyle is circulating a petition among the business men asking them to appear before the Councils and ask that an investigation be ordered in the conditions prevailing at the mills.

A bloody head hanging from a door in the Glen Lyon Mine, Wilkes-Barre, so frightened a doorboy that he fainted. It was the head of John Conko, who had been killed a few moments before in a peculiar manner. He was riding on a trip of cars through the door when his head caught between two projecting beams and the sudden jerk wedged his legs between the timbers of the cars.

Mr. Boyne, of McKean, introduced a bill in the House fixing a penalty of $10 for any person having the care of children to lock them into house and room or closet during the absence of the parent, guardian or custodian from the house or place where the child or children shall be detained.

Twenty-five informations were made against Pittsburg dealers by Pure Food Commissioner James Terry on the charge of violating the State dairy and food laws in selling oleo. The names of the defendants will not be made public until they appear for a hearing.

Joseph Kepley, aged 15 years, and John McCormick tried to stop a bulldog fight at Pottsville. Kepley's face was nearly chewed off. Even if he recovers he will be marked for life. McCormick was badly bitten on the arm.

A St. Bernard dog, weighing 250 pounds, afflicted with the rabies, attacked and bit four men, created a panic in a livery stable, was shot twice by Chief of Police George W. Snyder, and was the object of a wild pursuit of 400 citizens of Wilkinsburg.

Harry, the 14-year-old son of Jacob Winters, of Paradise, is in a critical condition, suffering from lockjaw. The disease is supposed to have developed from the bite of a pet rabbit

Representative Standish said that many citizens of his town were alarmed at the decrease in the number of marriages and from the fact that young men are avoiding matrimony.

J. J. Carter, president of the Board of School Controllers, of Titusville, presented to the school children of the city athletic grounds containing nearly five acres, which the donor will equip at a cost of several thousand dollars.

The family of a very amiable woman often eat biscuit which are not done on the bottom.

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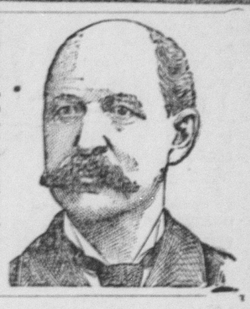

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I tried at least eight doctors, but my hands were worse than when I commenced doctoring. I tried every old Granny remedy that was ever thought of without one cent's worth of good and could not even get relief.

I would feel so badly mornings when I got up, to think that I had to go to work and stand pain for eight or nine hours, that I often felt like giving up my job, which was in the bottling works of Mr. E. L. Kerns, the leading bottler of Trenton, N. J., who will vouch for the truth of my sufferings.

Before I could start to work, I would have to wrap each finger on both hands, and then wear gloves, which I hated to do, for when I came to take them off, it would take two hours and the flesh would break and bleed. Some of my friends who had seen my hands would say, "If they had such hands they would have them amputated"; others would say "they would never work," and more would turn away in disgust. But thanks to Cuticura, the greatest of skin cures, it ended all my sufferings.

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY.

An act to establish a Department of Forestry, to provide for its proper administration, to regulate the acquisition of land for the Commonwealth, and to provide for the control, protection and maintenance of Forest Reservations by the Department of Forestry has been presented for action to the Legislature.

The bill is practically an enlargement of the powers of the Forestry Commission as now organized, giving to those who constitute the Forestry Reservation Commission a fixed tenure of office and compensation for necessary expenses.

The bill constitutes a Department of Forestry, the position of Forestry Commissioner being continued, and the Forestry Reservation Commission are given power to purchase lands for forest preservation, and to manage and control these and other lands owned by the State.

Forestry is deemed of sufficient importance by the administration to be recognized as entitled to rank as a Department, and not as a bureau, in the State government. The formation of a department would give a host of Republicans positions with high salaries.

Such a Department would be of decided advantage to the State if it is not permitted in the future to be drawn into the whirlpool of politics. A commission of able men embodied with a patriotic purpose to advance the State by conserving in a business manner existing forests and reforesting waste lands, can make a department such as is recommended, a power for good, and it is to be presumed that the views of the Governor are to make more useful the work of the Commission now acting.

AN INTERESTING COMPARISON.

In the report of the commissioner of navigation for the year 1900 we find that the steamships of the Cunard and White Star lines received from the British government for the 12 months ending March 31, 1900, as mail subsidy $552,290 and as admiralty subventions the sum of $223,866—in all, $776,156. There were 13 of these ships. Four of them are 20 knot vessels, and three others maintain a speed of above 21 knots. Their total tonnage is 130,556, and they made 100 trips from New York to Liverpool.

On page 198 of this report we find an estimate of the subsidy that would have been received by the four American vessels of the International Navigation company for trips actually made during the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 1899, had the proposed Hanna-Payne bill been in operation. The total subsidy of these four ships under the senate bill is there estimated to be $1,117,667. The total tonnage is 44,600. None of them is over a 21 knot vessel, and they made but 45 trips from New York to Southampton.

Comparing subsidy with subsidy, we find that the proposition of the Hanna-Payne bill is for us to pay to four ships of the International Navigation company over 50 per cent more subsidy than is paid by the British government for both mail pay and admiralty subventions to 13 ships with three times the gross tonnage and making more than twice as many trips.

	British.	American line.
Number of ships.....	13	4
Tonnage	130,556	44,600
Number of trips made....	100	45
Aggregate tonnage	1,038,541	508,956
Subsidy (mail and other).	$776,156	$1,117,667
Subsidy, per ton.....	.75	$2 24

That is to say, the senate subsidy bill provides for the payment of subsidy at the rate of three times the amount per gross ton paid by England for both mail pay and admiralty subsidies.

Nor is that the worst of it. For these four ships of the American line are so much slower than the four fastest ships of the Cunard and White Star lines that in order to get our mails carried in anything like proper time we were obliged, in spite of our already too liberal mail subsidy to the American line, to have a large part of our mail carried by the ships of these two British lines—which was done at a cost of $233,541.75.

To get an idea of the way the proposed subsidy to the American line compares with the cost of sending the mails by other lines one has only to glance at the following statement compiled from the report of the superintendent of foreign mails for the fiscal year 1900:

	American line.	White Star and Cunard lines.
Letters carried, grams....	72,611,000	151,265,529
Printed matter carried, grams	752,728,773	907,466,537
Total, grams	825,339,773	1,058,732,066
Compensation	$647,278	$233,541
Proposed subsidy	$1,117,667	

Yet the average time made by the four ships of the American line between New York and London was 183 1-3 hours, while that made by the four best ships of the two British lines was 174¼ hours.

In other words, we are already paying the American line nearly three times as much for carrying a part of our mails as we are paying the British ships for carrying a much larger portion and in quicker time. And in the face of this it is proposed to double the subsidy of the American line.

Aaronsburg.

In a letter to a friend, Mrs. Wolf, wife of Rev. A. G. Wolf, writes that the people of Fulton county, among whom they have cast their lot, gave them a very nice donation on New Year's eve. They are kind people and know how to make the hearts of the minister and his family glad.

Wm. Throssell has rented Mrs. Rote's smith shop and will open up just so soon as he can procure the necessary outfit. "Billy" has the reputation of being one of the finest horse shoers outside the city of Philadelphia. If you don't believe it, try him and be convinced.

John Haines, living at the toll gate, is busily engaged making furniture for several parties who will begin house keeping in the spring. Extension tables, sinks and wardrobes are in his line.

Mrs. Anna Leitzell, of Snyder county, after a two weeks' visit to her mother, Mrs. Stambach, has again gone home. While here she made a short trip to Lock Haven, and visited her brother Albert Stambach, who lives there and works in the woods driving a four-horse team in the vicinity of Glen Union.

Wm. Houser is clerking in a store at Brisbin, Clearfield county; he expects to take his family there in the spring and permanently locate there.

Alf. Limbert, of Ohio, who came in to attend the funeral of his father, is still in this section visiting his many friends and acquaintances. He had not been home since he first went west about sixteen years ago.

Miss Mary Meyer, who visited at the home of S. M. Weber last week returned home Saturday. Owing to the sickness of Mrs. Weber, she played for the school entertainment last Tuesday evening. Miss Meyer is a very accomplished young lady.

W. H. Phillips sold his store to Thomas Meyer, of Coburn, who will take possession on the first of April. Mr. Meyer will move to Mrs. Jacob Meyer's house across the street from the store, in the part now occupied by Warren Beaver.

Some of the roads are badly drifted through this section; it was necessary for the supervisors to have some of them shoveled open.

James Weaver, the wagonmaker, is confined to the house with a severe attack of the grip. Wm. Guisewite and family have also been down with it, but some of them have recuperated at this writing. Among others who have it or have had it recently, are, E. G. Mingle, Margaret Maize, Mrs. Maize, Lizzie Acker, Mrs. S. M. Weber, Rev. Gerhart, C. H. Stover, and a number of others whom the writer cannot name.

Clyde Houser has been confined to the house for several weeks with an attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Jacob Meyer, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Penn township and Millheim the past few weeks returned home Saturday.

Wyle Bros. are buying poultry at present.

A regular supply of fresh oysters at R. W. Mensch's.

Miss Agnes Spangler, of Rebersburg, visited friends in town last week and took in the school entertainment.

The entertainment held by the grammar school last Tuesday evening, Lincoln's birthday, was a grand success in every respect, even including the audience, which was large, taking into consideration the inclement weather. Every part of the well selected program was rendered in an excellent manner. It can also be said that the harmony, ease and progress of the preparation for the entertainment are worthy of praise.

Noah Cronmiller has purchased a a new and very fine breed of chickens; He now has four or five selected breeds.

Rebersburg.

Prof. C. L. Gramley spent several days in Harrisburg attending the State Superintendent's Convention.

Mrs. Reuben Kreamer is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

Quite a number of the people have become victims of the grip.

Mrs. Jane Chatham and daughter Hettie, of McElhattan, are visiting at the home of Prof. Gramley.

Mrs. Aaron Bartges nee Sadie Hubler, of Loganton, died on the 11th, and was brought to this place for burial on the 13th. Mrs. Bartges was raised in this valley and consequently was well known here.

Perry Stover and wife, of Coburn, spent Sunday among friends in town.

Mrs. Sallie Hilbish, of Freeburg, is visiting her parents, Emanuel Harter's; her sister, Mrs. Loose, who spent the last two months with her parents, also returned to her home Saturday.

Miss Grace Miller, who spent some time visiting Sunbury and other towns in that section has returned home and reports a fine time.

John Shultz, one of the oldest citizens in this valley, died Tuesday morning of old age.

Go to School.

Washington's birthday will be observed with appropriate exercises Friday afternoon in the Primary and Secondary grades of the public schools in Centre Hall.

Farmers Mills.

The funeral of Mrs. Michael Tibbens last Thursday was not as largely attended as would have been had the weather not been so cold. It required a great deal of shoveling of snow in order to get the roads open for the funeral. Mrs. Tibbens was highly respected by all who knew her; she is gone but not forgotten.

Wm. Rishel has been housed up for some time, taking care of the grip. Hope he may have a speedy recovery.

Wash Garbrick and wife spent several days with Mrs. Garbrick's aged mother, Mrs. Geo. Korman, recently.

Samuel Homan is conducting quite a large singing class in the Farmers Mills Academy; do not know whether it will end in a convention or not.

Penns Creek is lower this winter than it has been for years.

Grandmother Stover's condition is not improving very much; her sickness is mostly due to old age.

David Rearick sold a fine bunch of fat cattle to a Clinton county buyer on Monday. David understands cattle feeding.

Millheim.

The horse sale held in this place last Monday, by Mr. Stewart, of Ill., was more largely attended than any ever held here before. The horses, taken all together, were the finest ever offered in this town; they sold at an average price of $121.90, the highest being $150. Robert Breon, living on the Stover farm south of town, bought a fine team and has already had the misfortune of losing one of them.

The much dreaded grip seems to have taken possession of Millheim and vicinity; the majority of our citizens have had an attack of it, some being seriously ill. In consequence of this, the physicians are kept on the go day and night.

Mrs. J. P. Condo is confined to the house with a severe attack of neuralgia.

J. K. Schleiffer, of North Street, was taken down with grip last Tuesday, which several days later developed into pneumonia and caused his death on Monday morning; he was over sixty years of age, a lumberman by occupation.

Ilgen Musser, one of the oldest residents of this place, returned from Wilkinsburg last week, where he spent the last eight months; he reports the place booming, wages high and work plenty.

Wm. S. Maize, of West Main Street, who has been sick for several weeks with typhoid fever, seemed to be getting along nicely until within the last few days, when he took a chill and since has not been improving much.

Scottish Rite Temple.

The Scottish rite Masons of Williamsport will soon receive a magnificent gift from William Howard, a prominent lumberman and thirty-second degree Mason. Mr. Howard has announced his intention to erect and present to the order a splendid temple or cathedral, complete in all its appointments. This gift will be supplemented by the gift of a home for the temple club.

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Neck Was Broken.

Mrs. John B. Phillips, a well known lady of Clarion, was one of a sleighing party that drove to Sligo Saturday for dinner. On the return trip the sled was upset in a snow drift. Mrs. Phillips was thrown down and three or four others fell on her. She was one of the first to extricate herself, and declared she was not hurt, but in less than five minutes after the time of the accident she fell over dead. An examination disclosed the fact that her neck had been broken.

Warning to Boys

Edward Miller, a boy about twelve years of age, who attends the grammar school at Romola, jumped on a sled during the noon hour, to ride to the postoffice about a quarter of a mile away. In getting off, while the sled was going at full speed, he fell, and a horse which was tied behind the sled stepped on his head, one of the calks of the shoe cutting a gash two inches long in the skull above the temple, while the other calks nearly pierced his ear.

Hezekiah Dixon and George Swisher, of Philipsburg, have been granted pensions of $8.00 and $12.00, respectively.

"Florida and Metropolitan Limited" Seaboard Air Line Railway, "Florida and West India Short Line" to the Winter Resorts of the South. The Only Line Operating Daily Trains to Florida.

Effective January 14th, the Seaboard Air Line Railway, the only line operating daily limited trains to Florida, will put on its magnificent new train, "Florida and Metropolitan Limited," solid from New York via Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington to Richmond, Raleigh, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Connections at Jacksonville for Tampa and all Florida points, and at St. Augustine for the East Coast. This train also carries Drawing Room Sleeping car New York to Atlanta. Making direct connections at Atlanta for New Orleans and Mexico and Texas and Pacific Coast Points. Leaves Boston 12:03 A. M., New York 12:55 P. M., (from 23rd Street Station Pennsylvania Railroad), Philadelphia 3:29 P. M., Baltimore 5:45 P. M., Washington 6:55 P. M., arriving at Southern Pines, N. C. 5:53 A. M., Columbia, S. C. 10:00 A. M., Savannah, Ga., 12:25 P. M., Jacksonville 3:50 P. M., St. Augustine 5:00 P. M., Tampa 5:00 A. M., Charlotte 9:51 A. M., Atlanta 4:35 P. M. Connections are made both at Miami on the East Coast and Port Tampa on the West Coast for Key West and Havana. The "Florida and Metropolitan Limited" is luxuriously equipped in every respect, with Pullman Drawing Room Car, Compartment Car with Drawing Rooms and State Rooms, Observation Car, through Day Coaches and unexcelled Pullman Dining Car service.

For further information, call on or write to all Pennsylvania Railroad offices, or representatives of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at 306 Washington Street Boston, Mass; 1206 and 371 Broadway, New York; 30 South Third Street, Philadelphia, 207 East German Street, Baltimore; 1434 New York Ave., Washington, or to P. E. L. Bunch, General Passenger Agent, Portsmouth, Va.

FOR SALE—2-horse bob sled ready to hitch to. Has box, and all in good condition for $50.00.
J. L. McCLENAHAN.
Centre Hall.

FOR SALE.—About 40 acres of first-class farm land on which is erected a house and stable, situated north of Humes' Mill, 1¾ miles from Bellefonte, one-fourth mile from postoffice, school and store, is offered at private sale.
JOHN A. MILLER,
Postoffice box 274. Bellefonte, Pa.

W. A. SANDOE, AUCTIONEER,
Centre Hall, Pa.
is open for engagements at all times. The best prices can be obtained only when the best auctioneers are employed. Twenty years' experience in the business. Terms reasonable.

WANTS.

AGENTS WANTED.—Agents are wanted in every town in Centre county to sell "The Church Member," by S. H. Deitzel, Ph. D., the author, Cowetown, Md. The book is dedicated to Rev. W. H. Groh, formerly of Boalsburg, and will find ready sale. Price fifty cents

YOUNG MEN WANTED, WITH FAIR EDUcation and good character, to learn Telegraphy, Railroad Accounting, and Type writing. This is endorsed by all leading railway companies as the only perfect and reliable institution of its kind. All our graduates are assisted to positions. Ladies also admitted. Write for free catalog. Fall term opens August 15th.
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To sell our Teas, Coffees, Spices and Baking Powder to consumers. Liberal commission paid.
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DR. SMITH'S SALVE for chilblains, etc. Sent by mail for 25 cents. The DR. SMITH CO., Centre Hall, Pa.

Solid Oak Extension Table, $5 50.

Woven Bed Springs, $1.65.

Weber's Improved Flour Heater, $6.00.

The Cheapest Place to buy Furniture in Centre County.

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La Grippe Quickly Cured.

"In the winter of 1898 and 1899 I was taken down with a severe attack of what is called La Grippe" says F. L. Hewett, a prominent druggist of Winfield, Ill. "The only medicine I used was two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It broke up the cold and stopped the coughing like magic, and I have never since been troubled with Grippe." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can always be depended upon to break up a severe cold and ward off any threatened attack of pneumonia. It is pleasant to take too, which makes it the most desirable and one of the most popular preparations in use for these ailments. For sale by Mrs. J. H. Keller, Linden Hall; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat	70
Rye	45
Corn	45
New Oats	28
Barley	35

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter	18
Eggs	16
Lard	7½
Potatoes	45

SPRING MILLS GRAIN MARKET.

Corrected every Wednesday by Allison Bros.

Wheat	70
Corn	40
Oats	30
Rye	40
Barley	40

LINDEN HALL MARKET.

Corrected weekly by J. H. Ross.

Wheat, red	70
Wheat, white	70
Corn ears	45
Shelled Corn	40
Rye	40
Oats, new	25
Barley	30
New Potatoes	40
Eggs	16
Butter	18

Pneumonia Can be Prevented.

This disease always results from a cold or an attack of the grip and may be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. That remedy was extensively used during the epidemics of La Grippe of the past few years, and not a single case has ever been reported that did not recover or that resulted in pneumonia, which shows it to be a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained a world wide reputation for its cures of colds and grip. For sale by Mrs. J. H. Keller, Linden Hall; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

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NATURE'S CURE
TRADE MARK

Pain in Head, Side and Back.

For years I suffered with pain in the head, pain in the side, and in the small of the back. I was nervous and constipated and could not sleep. The pills and other medicines I tried only made a bad matter worse. Then I tried Celery King. One package cured me and made a new woman of me.—Mrs. Th. Kleehammer, Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Celery King cures Constipation and Nerve, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Diseases.

For sale by J. F. Smith, Centre Hall; F. E. Wieland Linden Hall; G. H. Long, Spring Mills.

Spring Mills, Pa.
P. V. S. STORE.

Clearing Sale,
Commencing January 26th.

For 30 days I will offer at special prices Men's, Women's, Youths' and Children's Shoes and Felts. This clearing sale includes all styles and qualities. I must make room for my large spring orders. Do not miss this sale or you will miss the fortune of your life.

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The work turned out of this shop is mechanical in appearance and in reality. We are prepared to do

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Our prices are very reasonable.

Give us a call.

W. A. HENNEY.

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Centre Hall, Pa. - - -

PENNSYLVANIA R. R.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division and Northern Central Railway.

Time Table, in effect Nov. 25, 1900.

TRAINS LEAVE MONTANDON, EASTWARD

7.32 a. m.—Train 64. Week days for Sunbury, Harrisburg, arriving at Philadelphia, 12.10 a. m., New York 2.13 p. m., Baltimore 11.55 p. m., Washington 1.15 p. m. Parlor car and passenger coach to Philadelphia.

9.27 a. m.—Train 30. Daily for Sunbury Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Harrisburg and intermediate stations. Week days for Renovo, Hazleton, and Pottsville. Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Washington. Through passenger coaches to Philadelphia.

1.35 p. m.—Train 12. Weekdays for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 6.23 p. m., New York 9.20 p. m. Baltimore, 6.00 p. m. Washington at 7.15 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

5.01 p. m.—Train 32. Weekdays for Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, and daily for Harrisburg and intermediate points, arriving at Philadelphia 10.20 p. m., New York 3.53 a. m., Baltimore 5.45 p. m. Washington 10.55 p. m. Passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

8.11 p. m.—Train 6. Daily for Sunbury Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 4.25 a. m. New York at 7.13 a. m., Baltimore, 2.30 a. m., Washington, 4.05 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.30 a. m.

WESTWARD.

5.33 a. m.—Train 3. (Daily) For Erie, Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and intermediate stations, with passenger coaches to Erie and Rochester. Week days for DuBois, Bellefonte, and Pittsburg. On Sundays only Pullman sleepers to Rochester and Erie

10.00 a. m.—Train 31. (Daily) For Lock Haven and intermediate stations, and weekdays for Tyrone, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Pittsburg and the West, with through cars to Tyrone.

1.31 p. m.—Train 61. Weekdays for Kane, Tyrone, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Pittsburg, Canandaigua and intermediate stations, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, with through passenger coaches to Kane and Rochester, and Parlor car to Rochester.

6.15 p. m.—Train 1. Week days for Renovo, Elmira and intermediate stations.

8.57 p. m.—Train 67. Weekdays for Williamsport and intermediate stations

9.10 p. m.—Train 9 1 Sunday only, for Williamsport and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR MONTANDON FROM EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 31 leaves New York 12.10 night, Philadelphia 4.25 a m, Baltimore 4.50 a m, Harrisburg 7.55 a m, daily, Wilkesbarre, 7.30 a. m. Weekdays arriving at Montandon 10.00 a m.

Train 61 leaves Philadelphia 8.40 a m, Washington 7.45 a m, Baltimore 8.45 a m, Wilkesbarre 10.55 a m, week days, arriving at Montandon 1.31 p m, with parlor car from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore

Train 1 leaves New York 1.25 a m, Phila., 12.25 p m; Washington at 10.50 a m, Baltimore at 11.45 a m, Wilkesbarre 3.15 p m, arriving at Montandon at 6.00 p m, week days, with through passenger coaches from Phila. and Baltimore.

Train 67 leaves New York 1.55 p. m. Philadelphia 4.26 p m, Washington 3.30 p m, Baltimore 4.35 p m daily, Wilkesbarre, 6.00 p m, (week days) arriving at Montandon 8.57 p m. Through Parlor Car from Philadelphia, and passenger coach from Philadelphia and Washington

Train 3 leaves New York at 7.55 p m, Philadelphia 11.20 p m, Washington 10.40 p m, Baltimore, 11.41 p m, (daily) arriving at Montandon at 5.33 a m, with through Pullman sleeping car from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore

Train 221, Sunday only, leaves New York 1.55 p. m., Philadelphia 4.30 p m, Washington 3.30 p. m, Baltimore 4.35 p. m., arriving at Montandon 9.10 p m.

LEWISBURG AND TYRONE RAILROAD.

Week days.

Westward. P M	A.M.	STATIONS.	AM	Eastward. P M
1 38	6 40	Montandon	9 15	4 56
1 45	6 30	Lewisburg	9 05	4 47
1 53	6 28	Biehl	8 58	4 39
1 57	6 42	Vicksburg	8 53	4 35
2 05	6 50	Mifflinburg	8 45	4 27
2 16	7 02	Millmont	8 33	4 16
2 23	7 09	Glen Iron	8 26	4 08
2 51	7 40	Paddy Mountain	8 00	3 43
3 02	7 50	Coburn	7 50	3 32
3 08	7 57	Zerby	7 43	3 25
3 17	8 05	Rising Spring	7 35	3 17
3 23	8 11	Penn Cave	7 28	3 10
3 30	8 18	Centre Hall	7 22	3 02
3 35	8 24	Gregg	7 17	2 55
3 42	8 31	Linden Hall	7 10	2 48
3 46	8 35	Oak Hall	7 06	2 43
3 50	8 39	Lemont	7 02	2 38
3 54	8 43	Dale Summit	6 57	2 34
4 00	8 52	Pleasant Gap	6 48	2 24
4 06	8 56	Axemann	6 42	2 21
4 10	9 00	Bellefonte	6 40	2 15

Additional trains leave Lewisburg for Montandon at 5.20 a m, 7.18 a. m., 9.45 a m, 1.15 5.50 and 8.00 p. m. returning leave Montandon for Lewisburg at 7.25, 9.50 a. m. 10.05 a. m. 5.05, 6.08 p m, and 8.15 p m.

On Sundays trains leave Montandon 9.28 and 10.01 a m and 5.02 p. m., returning leave Lewisburg 9.30 a m., 10.03 a.m. and 5.05 p. m.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, J. B. WOOD
General Manager. Gen'l Pass'ger Agt.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Condensed Time Table.

Read Down No. 1	No 3	No 5	Nov. 21, 1900.	Read Up. No 6	No 4	No 2
a. m	p. m.	p. m.	Lv. Ar.	p. m	p. m	a. m.
†7 10	†2 40	†6 30	..BELLEFONTE..	9 02	5 10	9 40
7 22	2 52	6 42	.....Nigh.....	8 49	4 57	9 27
7 28	2 58	6 48	.....Zion.....	8 43	4 51	9 21
7 33	3 03	6 53	..Hecla Park..	8 38	4 46	9 16
7 35	3 05	6 55	..... Dunkles.....	8 36	4 44	9 14
7 39	3 09	6 59	..HUBLERSBG..	8 32	4 40	9 10
7 43	3 13	7 03	...Snydertown...	8 28	4 36	9 06
7 46	3 16	7 06	..... Nittany.....	8 25	4 33	9 03
7 48	3 18	7 09	.....Huston.....	8 22	4 30	9 00
7 51	3 21	7 12	.....LAMAR.....	8 19	4 27	8 57
7 53	3 23	7 15	...Clintondale...	8 16	4 24	8 54
7 57	3 27	7 19	..Krider's S'n g..	8 12	4 19	8 49
8 02	3 32	7 24	....Mackeyville....	8 06	4 13	8 43
8 08	3 38	7 30	..Cedar Springs..	7 59	4 07	8 37
8 10	3 40	7 32	.....Salona.....	7 57	4 05	8 35
8 15	3 45	7 37	MILL HALL	†7 52	†4 00	†8 30
1 45	8 10	.....	..Jersey Shore..	3 45		7 55
12 20	8 44	Arr.	Wm'PORT Lve	†2 50	†7 20	†7 21
†12 34	†1 50	Lve	Wm'PORT Arr.	2 30	†6 55	†7 55
8 29	7 02	.....	.....PHILA.....	†8 36	†1 36	†11 36
		.....	..Atlantic City..			
		.....	.....NEW YORK..... (Via Tamaqua.)			
†10 40	†9 30	.....	.....NEW YORK..... (Via Phila.)	†4 30	†9 00	
p. m	a. m.	Arr	Lve.	a. m	p. m.	

*Daily. †Week Days ‡5 00 p. m. Sunday. ‡10 10 a. m. Sunday

Philadelphia Sleeping Cars attached to Eastbound train from Williamsport at 11 30 p. m. and West-bound from Philadelphia at 11.36 p. m.

J. W. GEPHART,
General Superintendent.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

To take effect May 25, 1896.

EASTWARD. 12½	8½	2½	STATIONS. Ar.	Lv.	WESTWARD 1½	7½	11½
PM	PM	AM			A M	AM	PM
6 30	1 10	8 45	.....Bellefonte.....		6 30	10 30	4 24
6 20	1 02	8 40	.....Coleville.....		6 37	10 37	4 29
6 16	12 58	8 37	..... Morris.....		6 40	10 42	4 30
6 10	12 54	8 35	.....Whitmer.....		6 44	10 47	4 33
6 05	12 49	8 31	.....Hunters.....		6 50	10 53	4 38
6 02	12 46	8 28	.....Fillmore.....		6 53	10 56	4 42
5 57	12 41	8 24	.....Brialy.....		7 00	11 02	4 47
5 53	12 37	8 20	.....Waddle.....		7 05	11 05	4 52
5 50	12 35	8 18	.....Scotia Crossing....		7 08	11 08	4 54
5 36	12 26	8 07	.....Krumrine.....		7 17	11 20	5 03
5 33	12 24	8 04	.....Struble.....		7 20	11 24	5 01
5 31	12 22	8 02	.....Inn.....		7 28	11 28	5 08
5 30	12 20	8 00	.....State College....		7 30	11 30	5 10

Morning trains from Montandon, Williamsport Lock Haven and Tyrone connect with train No. 7 for State College. Afternoon trains from Montandon, Lewisburg and Tyrone connect with Train No. 11 for State College. Trains from State College connect with Penna. R. R. trains at Bellefonte.

‡Daily except Sunday.

F. H. THOMAS, Supt.

Letter and note heads, bill heads, statements, with all lines of office stationery, neatly and cheaply done at the Reporter printing house.

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

CENTRE HALL, . . . PENN'A.
February 21, 1901.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Coming and Going.—Visitors in and out of Town.

Squire Wm. M. Grove was in town on business Monday.

Grant Hoover, the insurance man of Bellefonte, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stump, of Aaronsburg, passed through Centre Hall Saturday.

F. E. Arney will move from his present home to that of Mrs. M. B. Richards in the spring.

Mrs. George Reish, of this place, has been seriously ill for the past week. At one time her life was dispaired of.

Walter Sturtzman, of Altoona, is visiting Jim and Bruce Goodhart, sons of G. L. Goodhart, near Centre Hill.

Mrs. Joseph B. Edmiston, nee Anna Gregg, of State College, this week visited her sister, Mrs. Mame Miller, in this place.

Jonas Bible, of Centre Hill, was among those on Monday who advanced his subscription to the Reporter for one year.

Among the grip patients in town are Mrs. Jared Mowery, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Deininger, Mrs. Breon and Mrs. Alfred Durst.

Frank Means, of Reedsville, and H. T. Reed, his son-in-law, were in Centre Hall Monday, having brought a horse to this place.

W. B. Mingle, Esq., cashier of the Penns Valley Banking Company, the beginning of the week was confined to the house with grip.

Louis C. Wetzel moved from Bellefonte to Philipsburg, where he is superintendent of the Moshannon Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. John Showers and son Orie, of near Centre Hall, were callers at this office to have sale bills printed. The date of sale is March 28.

Col. J. L. Spangler and Mrs. Spangler and Mrs. Harris, of Bellefonte, drove to Centre Hall Thursday of last week to spend a day with ex-Sheriff John Spangler, the former's father.

H. J. Harshbarger, of Potters Mills, was in Centre Hall on business. Mr. Harshbarger is a Reporter reader, and added to his reading stock of 1901, the New York Tri-Weekly World.

Mrs. Maria K. Youtz, of Mifflinburg, last week came up to the home of Jas. A. Keller, east of Centre Hall, and will preside over his home. Mrs. Youtz is a sister of Mrs. James A. Keller, deceased.

Auctioneer Wm. Goheen, of Boalsburg, was among the many callers on Monday. Mr. Goheen's sale season opens this week, and from now until after the first week of April "O yes, O yes," will be on his lips.

Prof John D Meyer, principal of the Bellefonte High School, says the Bellefonte Daily News, departed Thursday afternoon of last week on a short visit to Philipsburg and Altoona. In the latter place he will visit the High School.

Merchant W. H. Meyer, who thought he had mastered grip returned to his place of business before the disease had run its full course, and in consequence was compelled to return to his home and remain for several days longer.

'Squire J. S. Houseman, of Colyer, whose legal advice can always be relied upon, was in Centre Hall Monday. 'Squire Houseman was called upon last week to perform the sad rites over the dead body of his old time friend, David Young.

George Bloom, of State College, spent a day with his brother Robert Bloom, west of Centre Hall, and his sister, Mrs. Jeff Hubler, of this place, prior to leaving Tuesday morning for Westboro, Mass, where he has secured a position in the State hospital.

Dr. George W. Krumbine, of Beech Creek, Pa., accompanied by his wife, spent a few days in Centre Hall, his former home. Dr. Krumbine, a short time ago, was married to Mrs. Maine, of Baltimore. He has quite a good practice, and is contented with his present location.

Messrs. Malcolm and Earl Fleming have been in Centre Hall for the past week. These young men are sons of J. A. Fleming, of this place. The former has been located at Urbana, Ohio, for several years and is engaged in tailoring. The latter is attending the State Normal at Lock Haven.

Seymour Royer, of Millheim, who for the past five months has been in Strongtown, Indiana county, in the lumber business, returned to Millheim again. His wife, Miss Flora Royer, and little son Blake, on their way to their old home stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Royer, of this place, for a brief visit.

Thomas Coble, of Linden Hall, last week started for California. He expects to stop off with the Messrs. Wieland, at South Pueblo, Colorado, and if he succeeds in securing a position there he will remain at that place permanently. If not, he will go on to Sacramento, California, and make that his future home. His many friends wish him abundant success.

Messrs. William and John Harpster, of Freeport, Illinois, who spent a few days at this place, their former home, returned west Saturday. They were welcomed on all sides, having left here with the good wishes of all.

R. M. Magee, of 3625 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, who is extensively engaged in the insurance business, was up to see Centre county people last week, stopping with G. H. Emerick, east of Centre Hall, over Sunday.

D. C. Rossman, son of coach builder Calvin Rossman, of Siglerville, Mifflin county, drove through Centre Hall Monday morning on his way home from a visit to friends in the valley. Mr. Rossman is engaged as clerk in the general store of W. P. Dorman, at Siglerville, and is a bright and active young man.

Messrs. John Harper, N. M. Summers and Daniel Slotman, all of Potters Mills, Saturday made a trip to Bellefonte on business pertaining to pensions. On their way home Messrs. Harper and Summers stopped at the Reporter office for a few minutes' chat and to lift the former's sale bills. The date of sale is February 28.

Oak Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Korman of Bellefonte, visited Daniel Korman, of this place last Saturday.

Bessie Gramley, of Aaronsburg, was the guest of Mrs. J. G. Irvin on Saturday.

Bertha Armstrong, of Potters Mills, visited some of her friends Monday.

Adam Feltv, of near Sningletown, was the guest of [illegible] Sunday.

Andrew Lytle, of State College, was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Williams, of this place, visited Wm. Dougherty, of near State College, several days last week.

John Armstrong, of Potters Mills, was a visitor at the home of John A. Kline on Sunday.

Charles Dale, of the Branch, was in town Tuesday.

L. W. Kimport and Dr. Wm. Fry were in town Monday.

David Glasgow and wife, of near Tusseyville, were guests of Mrs. Glasgow's father, Nellis Kline Sunday.

Linden Hall.

Will Zeigler is wearing a broad smile just now, a little girl having come to his house on Friday.

Mrs. Mollie Miller has moved from Woodward into the house with her daughter, Mrs. Keller, and expects to make this place her future home.

F. E. Wieland has a new self acting Winchester shot gun which he has been exhibiting to his friends, and giving exhibitions of his skill at shooting mark.

Hammill Goheen and sister Anna, of Baileyville, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E Meyer, of Centre Hill, visited at the nome of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wieland Friday and Saturday.

John Carper who has been suffering from the effects of the grip, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McClellan entertained a party of young folks at their beautiful home on South Main street on Friday evening after the concert and all had a pleasant time.

May Stump, who has been attending school at Lemont, spent Sunday with her parents east of town, returning to Lemont Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Elmer Crissman is visiting relatives at Beavertown.

Boalsburg

Mr. John Hook spent several days in Altoona with his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Coxey. Mr. Coxey is very sick and there is little hope of his recovery.

Miss Catharine Meyer accompanied her sister, Mrs. Emery Gettig, to Altoona Thursday, where she will remain several days.

The three schools of this place expect to hold joint exercises Friday, Washington's birthday.

The I. O. O. F. No. 894, held their annual banquet Thursday, February 7, in their newly furnished hall. All agree that this was one of the finest banquets ever held in this place; there were one hundred and twenty-six present.

The play, "Down in Dixie" will be given by the Presbyterians in their hall, Feb. 22.

Quite a number of our young folks attended an evening party at the home of L. O. Mothersbaugh.

Quite a number of the young people have invitations to attend a social given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church of Pine Grove Mills, Friday evening.

Frank Fry voted on Tuesday morning and then moved his household goods the same day to the farm of J. Irvin Ross, west of Pine Grove Mills, where he hired to Frank Fishburn for the coming year.

Miss Katie Meyers returned home from Altoona on Saturday, after a visit of ten days.

Wm. Baumgardner has moved his saw mill from his own tract to the Burchfield tract where he is prepared to do all kinds of sawing.

For the first time in the history of New York banks deposits Saturday passed the billion dollar mark, aggregating $1,011,329,005.

Colyer.

Mrs. Frank Treaster and her daughter returned from Bellefonte Monday, and are stopping at the home of her father, Henry Shadow.

Henry Moyer is housed up with the grip.

G. B. Lee is again going back to work on the stave mill of E. M. Huyett.

Arthur Lee is going to act as agent for the Deering Harvester Co. the coming summer. If you intend buying a binder, mower, or anything in the machinery line call on Mr. Lee.

Spring Mills.

Mrs. Fichthorn, of Kittanning, Pa., is visiting relatives in this community.

Floyd Bowersox, blacksmith, has been so rushed with work that he has hired an assistant, Mr. Kreamer, of Rebersburg.

Ambrose Gentzel will build a fine residence beside the Evangelical parsonage the coming summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lontze, of Mifflinburg, are visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sallie Snavely.

C. P. Long is sporting a new horse.

Business must be on the boom; many new houses are being erected.

On Friday evening Centre Castle, No. 169 Knights of the Golden Eagle, will hold their annual banquet in their hall. Millheim Castle is invited to attend.

Rev. Rearick preached a very able sermon to his congregation Sunday.

Rev. Brown will preach his last sermon to this charge March 17, after which he will go to his new field of labor, to which he has not yet been appointed. His many friends will be sorry to see him leave this place.

Valentines were plenty last Thursday; some persons find great satisfaction in sending their neighbors valentines.

Col. Fortney in Harrisburg.

Col. D. F. Fortney, of Bellefonte, was one of the speakers at the sixth annual session of the Pennsylvania state association of school directors held at Harrisburg last week. "The relation of the school board to public sentiment" was the topic the Colonel discussed.

"Florida Atlanta and Fast Mail" by Seaboard Air Line Railway, "Florida and West India Short Line" to the Winter Resorts of the South. The Only Line Operating Daily Trains to Florida.

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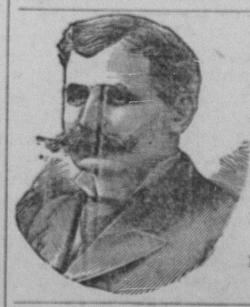

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While hearts can thrill and ears can hear,
Let loving deed and word bring cheer.
—James J. Reeves.

My Adventure With a Cougar.

Wherever hunters and dogs abound, the cougar, if found at all, is a timid, shrinking, voiceless brute, fighting only when brought to bay. It learns and practices infinite caution. Hence the beast has fallen into a certain contempt; latter-day naturalists even deny that it gives voice to the long, quavering cry that was formerly attributed to it. But I have often heard that cry, and I know, too, that the tamed, man-hunted cougar differs from its congeners of the mountain wilds, somewhat as the Moravian Indian differed from the savage Shawnees of old.

The adventure I am about to relate occurred near French Creek, in the Black Hills of Dakota, in August, 1875—a region then untrodden by white men, except little bands of miners, who had recently gathered along this creek, and the exploring expeditions of General Custer and Professor Jenney. Rich in gold and silver though they are, the Black Hills had been guarded at every avenue of approach by thousands of hostile Sioux. They themselves were deterred by traditions and superstitions from much venturing within the shadows of their black pines; so that we found there no trace of aboriginal habitations, permanent or transient.

There was a solemn and wonderful atmosphere in that primitive wilderness. Its denizens, unscared by men, seldom fled at first approach. The pine-hen sat upon limb of bush or tree, and cocked its head without fear. The big, dun mule-deer approached the lone prospector with open-eyed, curious gaze, and if not stopped by a bullet, would often come within a few steps of him. The grizzly bear actually came into camp to be killed, for he had never before found his path barred by living creatures. And there the cougar, never hunted, knew not fear of man.

I left our camp on a warm Sunday afternoon for a stroll among the hills, and from force of Sunday habits I left my gun in my tent. As I dislike to feel a revolver banging against my hips, I went for my walk unarmed.

In the course of half an hour, alternately walking and scrambling I came to the head of the gulch and out upon a rough slope surmounted by cap-rocks, which formed the highest hill-top within reach. Along the base of these scarred and fissured rocks grew creeping pine, brier and raspberry bushes, bearing ripe fruit. Many berries had fallen, and more had been gathered by the bears and birds, but enough yet remained, red and luscious, to furnish me with a palatable after-dinner relish.

When I had eaten all I could, I resolved to climb to a summit of the rocks, that I might get a more extended view of the beautiful region. But to reach those lookout heights was no easy task. I sought for a great cleft or split in the rocks, which offered an arduous line of ascent along one steep and rugged face.

Along the fissured surface of this cleft I advanced slowly and cautiously, going up slantwise, now on my hands and knees, and again drawing myself up bodily by clutching rocky projections with my fingers. As I passed along the face of the cleft, it deepened and widened, and the ascent became still more difficult and perilous. Below me lay two steep inclines, each with a chevaux de frise of rock points and scattered pines, reaching to a dizzy depth.

Finally, when I almost despaired of climbing farther, and when descent seemed equally dangerous, I reached a flat surface of the rock, where there was a thin soil and clustering juniper bush, and there I saw an easier way of climbing to the summit, still fifty feet or so above my head.

After I scanned the ascent I lay, puffing with exertion, tired and heated, flat upon my face, to rest. A cool breeze blowing through the cleft fanned my cheeks, and I enjoyed in anticipation the grand expanse of horizon which awaited me on the heights. I had lain thus several minutes, when I became aware, with a quick and creepy thrill, of some magnetic presence close at hand. What sort of creature was it which could thus make itself felt?

I raised my head, turned my face instinctively toward the wall of rock upon my right, and found myself looking directly into the yellow-green, scintillating eyes of a great red cougar.

The great cat had crept stealthily out from a shelter of bush and rock, and lay upon its stomach, facing me, and not a dozen feet distant. Its ears were pricked forward, and it was watching me with intense and savage curiosity. The big eyes, with dilating pupils, were fixed on me in a fascinated stare.

There was no movement of the cougar's body or head, save a slight quivering about the muzzle. Its great paws were outstretched, the great talons hidden in the soft fur which covered them. The tail curved upward in a curious twist, not unlike the hook of an interrogation point.

The whole attitude of the animal was one of half-fierce, half-wondering questioning. It was as if it saw in me a big and probably harmless reptile—perhaps a huge kind of lizard or turtle.

I cannot recall that cowardice was ever attributed to me, even in childhood; but as I looked into the eyes of that treacherous beast, I was afraid—terribly afraid. I dared not get to my feet, and thus invite immediate attack, for had I possessed the speed of a greyhound, there was no way to run. I had no weapon, save a small and worse than useless pocket-knife. Plainly my only recourse was to lie in perfect quiet until the animal should gratify its curiosity and haply, if not hungry, take itself off.

I had not long to wait until there was a sudden unsheathing of the yellow claws, and the cougar leaped lightly to its feet. It came toward me fearlessly, with a slow, cat's tread, holding its head sidewise and lashing its tail.

Sick with a sense of helplessness, I could only lie inert, waiting to grapple, barehanded, with the beast, as a final resort. My only movement was to lower my face to the soil and clasp the back of my neck with both hands to prevent a fatal bite at the outset.

The cougar snarled down at me in a warning fashion. Then it gave me a heavy pat upon the shoulder—a tentative, stingless, half-playful stroke, intended, doubtless, to test my defensive qualities. Finding me apparently of a despicable spirit, the brute coolly took possession of my body.

It sniffed fastidiously at my woollen shirt, then roughly rolled me over and lay upon me, the points of its shoulders resting squarely on my chest. I managed, while the animal's claws were pricking my side and leg, to shift my hands in readiness to defend my throat.

There I lay upon my back, with that great beast across me, its heart thumping against my ribs, its red lips parted, its claws ripping at the hard soil as if to sharpen them for a banquet!

In my despair I regretted keenly that I had not flung myself over the declivity and taken my chances in a terrific slide down its steep, ragged slope. I resolved to make the desperate leap if an opportunity should offer in the struggle which must come.

There could be no doubt of the final intention of the beast. The cougar was merely indulging itself in a bit of cat play, and when this should end, would treat me as a cat does a mouse.

The animal thrust its head down sidewise and snarled; its big eyes narrowed to cruel points, and its hot breath played upon my face. Its tail switched back and forth, lashing first my boots and then my head, from which the hat had fallen. In every motion of the creature there was a hard, perfect efficiency, and under the working of its whipcord muscles I felt myself quite powerless.

Nevertheless, an impulse was strong upon me to clutch the beast by the throat and try to hurl it over the ledge. But reason saved me from such a rash attempt. The cougar was a large one, of the variety since famed as the mountain lion. Certainly it would instantly tear me asunder if I grappled with it.

The brute snarled and scratched with increased vehemence. Its hind claws, working against my left side, tore my clothes and sliced me painfully. Through this ordeal I lay in perfect quiet, suppressing breath and appearance of animation.

Suddenly the cougar sprang to its feet and leaped lithely away. I turned my face, in a great hope that it would abandon me, but only to see it sink behind a spray of pencil-cedar a few yards distant. There it lay, with nothing visible save the light play of its tail. Despite its great size, the animal was still young enough to be eager for play with a too easily caught victim.

Was it possible the creature might finally go away and leave me? No; amid the clustering cedar sprigs I caught the gleam of its yellow-green eye—an eye fastened upon me in cunning, waiting cruelty. Evidently I was expected to move, and furnish sport in the killing. Without doubt, too, the cougar shrewdly suspected me of playing the part of the turtle or the porcupine.

I thought of trying to escape now. How far and how fast might I go? I rolled cautiously over until I could look down the steeps of the ledge. To throw myself over at that point would be destruction. The descent was not perpendicular, but quite appalling in its ragged steeps. There were scattered pines growing in soil-filled crevices, but the nearest of them was too far below to offer hope of lodgment.

I ran my eye along the slope in advance, and saw that by crawling some twenty-five or thirty feet on the brink I could, if nimble enough, leap down upon a jutting point of rock, and thence into the thick of a pine beneath. What lay immediately beyond was hidden by a projection. It was a desperate chance, even if I might crawl so far in safety—simply a chance of outdoing the cougar in daring a perilous descent.

I crawled slowly forward along the rim of the declivity, keeping a close eye upon the cougar's swaying tail, and guided my movement by that danger signal. When the tail switched too nervously, I sank upon the rocks and lay inert.

Hitching myself forward inch by inch, I actually succeeded in delaying an attack until I had reached the only safe footing for a leap. Well out of reach of a single bound of the animal, I sprang to my feet with a yell of defiance, and jumped outward with all my might.

I alighted with a heavy jar upon the projecting rock, and instantly leaped for the pine top below. There was a dizzy swoop of twenty feet, and I crashed among the branches and clutched wildly at them as they broke beneath me. By sheer luck, as it seemed, I lodged head downard in a tangle of lower limbs which had been turned aside in their growth by the face of the rock.

Before there was time to move, I heard a rushing swish of boughs overhead, the snapping of a big limb and a muffled thud upon the slope below. Then, clinging face downward, with but few limbs to intervene, I saw my enemy, the cougar, go down the fearful steep in a lightning slide, clawing and spitting at the rocks, until it disappeared among some pine tops below.

Two minutes later, safely seated, I again saw my enemy, now limping, with drooping tail, along the bottom of the gulch. The cougar had survived that frightful descent, but the courage had been taken out of it, and I had no farther fear.

Although much scratched and bruised, I had no broken bones. It was only by the hardest kind of scrambling that I got safely to the top of the ledge. Then, thankful enough for life and freedom, I made my way back to camp.—Youth's Companion.

WAYS OF HUNTING SPIDERS.

Some Stalk Their Prey and Others Build Rafts to Seek it on the Water.

The wolf spider spins no web, but stalks its prey—hence its name. It takes the precaution to spin a thread before leaping after anything, so that in event of falling short, it will have a way of retreat. It is about the fiercest of the spiders, though far from the biggest or most venomous, and in captivity will stalk its own image when crawling over a mirror, and fall into a fury at finding itself balked.

The trapdoor spider builds its nest in the ground, a tunnel, about three inches deep, with a branch sloping upward and closed by an inner door opening downward. The outer door, which opens upward, is of the thickest, finest silk, with an outer coat of earth and pebbles, to make it indistinguishable from the surrounding surface.

Water spiders lash together with their best silk rafts of dead leaves, upon which they float in pursuit of water insects. But the rafts do not compare with their nests, which are egg-shaped, lined with the finest waterproof web, and buoyed with clusters of tiny air bubbles, which the mother spider takes down by diving upon her back, with the bubble entangled in her legs.

All spiders begin nest-building very young. At seven weeks old trap-door spiders make little nests the size of a cent, and, of course, something haphazard and awry. No young spider, in fact, builds a workman-like nest, although the creatures have from two to eight eyes each. The youngsters appear to use their spinnerets in play, much as children build doll houses.

Spiderwebs once had a great vogue as medicine. They were held specific for consumption, and certain fevers, as well as the best of styptics. They have still that last use. Even spurting arterial blood may be checked, if not wholly staunched, by a generous handful of cobwebs held hard against the wound.

Spiders are wonderfully weatherwise. They will neither build new nests nor repair breaks in old ones in face of a storm. They have, moreover, a certain prescience which foretells weather changes. Wherefore, if you see a half-destroyed web, with no spider-body making haste to build it over, though the sun may shine and winds caress, be certain stormy weather is not twelve hours away.

Few more wonderful adaptations are seen in the whole round of nature than the webs spiders spin to entrap the wary ant. They are not high-hung, lacy affairs, caressing every breeze, but low-set silken tubes stretched in the grass, the crevices of rock, or about tree roots. Ants of every size creep heedlessly into them. The spiders eat them with relish, but occasionally a very little spider and a very big ant engage in a duel to the death. If the spider can bite the ant can sting—and does it with a right good will. The spider does not try to get rid of such an ant as he does of a wasp or bee too strong to be safely attacked. Such an insect, which threatens destruction to the web, is often cut out of it by the web-builder. The entangling cables are not loosed, but the web-rays neatly snipped in two, first those underneath, and at the very last the highest filament. Often the letting go of such a captive means destruction to half the nest. But some spiders are wiser than some people. They know not merely when they have enough, but when they have too much.—New York Sun.

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Boston's subway is one and two-thirds miles long, with double-track loop systems at each end for a distance of one-half mile and an additional double-track system straight through it, thus making four tracks for the greater part of the entire distance, writes W. H. Hills in the Chicago Record.

It cost $3,800,000, exclusive of land damages and purchases, which totaled $1,000,000. Its trackage, reckoned as a single track, is five miles. Cars run through its entire length in eight to twelve minutes, whereas on the surface twenty to thirty-five minutes were required. It was built in twelve sections under contracts, these running from $9,000 to $895,000, the most of them being for sums ranging from $260,000 to $47,000. The first work was begun March 28, 1895, and the last section was completed July 5, 1898.

The subway has a capacity of 300 cars an hour, but for a year or so the maximum has been about 190. Where 32,000,000 people were annually carried on the surface cars on Tremont street, which the underground road relieves, now 60,000,000 travel annually in the subway cars. The tracks on Tremont street have been removed, congestion has entirely disappeared and despite the fears of many, business on that thoroughfare has not suffered; in fact, the retailers do more business than ever before and rents have materially increased.

Portions of the subway were constructed by ditching, all the earth being removed, and iron beams embedded on concrete being placed as supports for a roof of transverse steel beams or girders, with arches of brick and concrete between them. The side walls are also of brick and concrete, and at the stations highly polished white tiling is used for facing the walls. Other sections were built by tunneling, and this work was by far the most expensive.

It is fourteen feet high, and where there are two tracks twenty-four feet wide, and where there are four tracks, forty-eight feet wide. The two-track sections under Boston common, ending in a loop at Park street, cost $175 per linear foot, while similarly constructed sections under Cornhill and Hanover streets cost between $250 and $257 per linear foot, the difference being in part due to the cost of removing pipes and replacing pavements. Where the four-tracks run under the common the cost was $250 per linear foot, while four tracks under Washington street at the northern end cost $437 per linear foot.

Engineers say that capitalists cannot with any degree of satisfaction figure on the cost of constructing a subway from the figures of Baston's, for the reason that in some sections sub-subways were constructed to overcome grade crossings, while in others expensive precautions had to be taken to prevent undermining the huge buildings. Based on straight work of excavation, it is figured that a two-track system costs between $925,000 and $1,350,000 a mile, and a four-track system between $1,324,000 and $2,307,000 a mile, exclusive of land damages and purchases for station entrances and exits.

The subway is lighted and equipped with electricity throughout, all cars using the trolley system, and all fans, blowers and ventillating shaft machinery being supplied power by motors. A third-rail system is being introduced on the two straight tracks which run clear through, this being designed for the elevated cars when the "L" road, now in process of construction, is completed. The "L" road will run from Roxbury to the southern entrance to the subway, and there, by a sharp decline, enter the tunnel and run one-and one-quarter miles underground, when the cars will emerge at the northern end of the subway and again run overhead across the Charles river bridge and through Charlestown to Sullivan square, a total length of elevated tracks of five miles.

The subway was built by the city under legislative authority, a commission being given full power. The city leases it at an annual rental that is equivalent to 4 7-8 per cent. interest on the net cash. The city raised the money at a fraction less than 3 1-2 per cent. on forty-year 4 per cent. bonds, which will be paid at maturity by the accumulated rental of the subway, which goes annually into a sinking fund. The city keeps it in repair, and after this expense is met there is a handsome margin of profit from the lease.

The success of the subway has led to the approval of a similar tunnel under the harbor connecting the island of East Boston with the city. Work upon this has begun. This tunnel will cost approximately $2,500,000. It is about one mile long. Other subways are contemplated, and legislative enactment has been asked for the construction of one the entire length of Washington street—the most congested thoroughfare in the business section—running parallel with Tremont street, another from the Cambridge bridge through the west end section, and still another through the Back bay and under Beacon hill. These projects have been agitated for a couple of years. They represent stupendous undertakings, and it may be years before a sanction for them is secured, the lawmakers and merchants watching the present subway and studying out improvements thereon which will bring about ideal rapid transit.

Up to date, with a trial of two years, the subway has proved equal to all demands upon it, and has to a large extent solved the problem of rapid transit. But with the growth of the city in business and population another similar subway will unquestionably be needed within ten years, even allowing for the relief which will be afforded by the elevated road.

POLITICAL SPOTTING.

A Recent Development of an Enterprise Involving Millions.

Political spotting is a recent development of the profession, but it has become necessary in the establishment of political campaigning as a business enterprise involving millions of dollars' capital and run on strictly scientific principles. Every State chairman has at his command a corps of "trusted workers." Now this term has a wide range of meanings, varying in reputability. In some cases, it designates the men who "use money where it will do the most good"; in others, the men who look after these disbursers to see that the money is actually used where it will do the most good to the party, and not to the handler of it. But, as a rule, the "secret service" fund is distributed only among those in whom the party managers have the utmost confidence, and the work of the spotters along this line is not extensive.

To this corps falls the task of guarding against fraud on the part of election officers when election day comes. They are supposed to be encyclopedias of information as to the spending of money by the other side, and to "block off" in one way or another, either by threats or counter persuasion, any attempts to corrupt the men who register or count the votes. There is no doubt that many schemes are frustrated in every election on both sides by the activity of this service.

This species of service is continually in demand to keep headquarters informed as to the progress and pertinence of various budding party organizations. For instance, word is received that the Intercollegiate Hammer Throwers' McKinley and Roosevelt Marching Club has organized with a membership of fifty, and would be glad of a little financial aid toward furnishing their club-rooms. Now, all these organizations are promoted by professional organizers who do not regard virtue as its own reward, at least in a political sense, but hope for something more tangible. This they get if their labors are worth votes to the party. As soon as the notification is received a spotter is quietly sent out from headquarters to "rubber around" the locality and find out whether the new club has an existence other than on paper. Another matter wherein the political spotter's judgment is of value to headquarters is that of campaign oratory. Scores of spellbinders are sent out in every lively campaign to all parts of the State. Each man has outlined his speeches, and had them censored by the powers that be, for the managers don't want any "Burchardism" to crop out and spoil their campaign. Lest the spellbinder should be a traitor in disguise, or have ambitions to launch out into unauthorized by-paths of eloquence, a "trusted worker" is set on his trail to make a report on his speeches. This report also includes an estimate of the spellbinder's effectiveness and popularity with his audiences. Many of these useful adjuncts to a political party are minor officeholders. Others hope to be officeholders, and in addition to the hope draw $10 or $15 a week for their work, while still others are volunteers. Nobody but the managers themselves know what men are doing the confidential work of a campaign.—S. H. Adams in Ainslee's.

An Amateur Savant Fooled.

The stories are common enough of fire engines being turned out to quench an aurora, and, on the other hand, it has not seldom happened that a very mundane conflagration has passed muster for a "celestial display." In the memoirs of Baron Stockmar an amusing anecdote is related of one Herr von Radowitz, who was given to making the most of easily picked up information. A friend of the Baron's went to an evening party near Frankfort, where he expected to meet Herr von Radowitz. On his way he saw a barn burning, stopped his carriage, assisted the people, and waited till the flames were nearly extinguished. When he arrived at his friend's house he found Herr von Radowitz, who had previously taken the party to the top of the building to see an aurora, dilating on terrestrial magnetism, electricity, etc. Radowitz asked Stockmar's friend, "Have you seen the beautiful aurora borealis?" He replied, "Certainly; I was there myself; it will soon be over." An explanation followed as to the barn on fire. Radowitz was silent some ten minutes then he took up his hat and quietly disappeared.—Knowledge.

True Courage.

There is the story of the bullying colonel who turned on one of his aids during a battle and cried, "Captain ——, you are frightened! You are, sir. You are scared!"

"You're right," replied the captain, "and if you were half as scared as I am, you'd be six miles in the rear."—Richard Harding Davis in Everybody's Magazine.

Coral, both white and red, is found on the Florida coast.

BUDGET of FUN

HUMAN NATURE.

"He was far too fat, and an awful bore!"
  She often thought. While round he carried
Conviction of her lack of brains. Before
Long they were happily married.
—Puck.

A FEEBLE IMITATION.

"Bodkins isn't a genuine society man."

"Why not?"

"He takes cold every time he wears his dress suit."—Chicago Record.

PROFESSIONAL CHRITICISM.

First Arctic Explorer—Don't you think Polehunter is getting a big head?

Second Arctic Explorer—Decidedly! You'd think he was the only man who didn't reach the Pole!—Puck.

A STYLE THAT DIDN'T SUIT.

Hatter—Now, here's a style of derby that's just suited for a short man.

Sawdoff—How much?

Hatter—Four dollars.

Sawdoff—Huh. That price would never suit a man as short as I am.

IT WAS OTHERWISE ENGAGED.

He (admiringly)—You are a girl after my own heart.

She—Thank you. I hope you are not a man after mine, because it's otherwise engaged.—Detroit Free Press.

HUBBY'S FAVORITE FICTION.

"What is your husband's favorite fiction?" asked the inquisitive person.

"I can hardly say at a moment's notice," said the patient wife, "whether he prefers the sick friend story or the detained at the office on business narrative."—Indianapolis Press.

HE RAN FOR HIS LIFE.

"I knew he could never keep his head about water," said Jimson. "He started in business three years ago, and he's been going down ever since."

"What did you say he was?" asked Johnson.

"A diver," replied Jimson, and fled the scene.

'TWILL BE HIS UNDOING.

"They said in all his literary career he never wrote anything but common sense."

"Alas! I fear that some enemy is about to counteract this."

"Why?"

"They are going to publish his love letters."—Chicago Times-Herald.

LOST INHERITANCE.

Suitor—Permit me to say, Miss Flash, that in suing for your hand I am respecting the wish of my late father—

Miss Flash—Beg pardon, Sir; but in this instance you have inherited your father's lateness; I accepted Mr. Foreman last evening.—Richmond Dispatch.

SHE WAS LOOKING FOR BARGAINS.

"What do you find in that stupid old paper to keep you so busy?" petulantly asked Mrs. Youngcouple.

"I was just looking at the money market," he answered.

"Oh, do they have a money market? Are there ever any bargains?"—Indianapolis Press.

A SUGGESTION.

Young Mother—I really don't know why he cries so.

Bachelor Friend—Perhaps it is his teeth coming through.

Young Mother—No! He isn't teething.

Bachelor Friend—Maybe it's his hair coming through that hurts him! —Puck.

THE MISTRESS'S JOKE.

"So you're going to marry the policeman, Bridget?"

"Yes, mum."

"I suppose you'll have the same trouble with him I've had with my husband."

"Shure, what's that, mum?"

"Oh, he won't give up his club."—Yonkers Statesman.

NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT.

"Yes, we are receiving and answering messages from Mars every day," said the Eminent Scientist.

"But, if you cannot understand the messages, how can you answer them?" asked the Obtuse Person.

"Huh!" replied the Eminent Scientist, "they can't understand the answers, either."—Baltimore American.

TESTING THE THEORY.

Mr. Kerrigan—Kape shtill foive minutes, for th' love av hivin!

Mrs. Kerrigan (six children, crying and fighting)—Phat fer?

Mr. Kerrigan—Oi want to give this moind-cure book a fair trial. Oi want to see can Oi convince mesilf thot there is no such thing ez matrimony! —Puck.

NOBLE CONSIDERATION.

"Why did the bride insist that the bridegroom's present should be a necklace of twenty-one pearls? Does she think there is luck in odd numbers?"

"No, I guess not. You see she had been engaged that number of times to other fellows, and, being one of the kindest-hearted girls in the world, she wanted the necklace as a sort of memorial to them."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Was an Inspired Orator.

If ever a man had a genius for pulpit oratory, it was Phillips Brooks, and yet Dr. Allen's memoirs bear repeated indisputable evidence of the toil with which he wrought at his sermons. The explanation is to be found in two causes. There was in him the consciousness of an artist. One can see this in such insignificant matters as the character of his handwriting and the finish of his ordinary expression as in familiar letters. He was not merely a man of taste, exquisitely modulated for the appreciation of all forms of art, if music be excepted—a not uncommon exception—but he had the constructive gift, and his first efforts in youth predicted for him a literary career. But there was in him emphatically that which now and then lifts an artist into the region of inspiration—namely, a possession.

He's Gwine Back to Dixie.

A true type of the Southern negro entered the office of Tax Commissioner Sheehy of New York, and, laying down a notice he had been assessed for $20,000 on personal property, asked: "Boss, can you tell de ole nigger what dat paper means?"

"It means that you are assessed for $25,000."

"Boss, ain't you foolin'? Who left de ole nigger all dat money?"

"No one left you money. That notice means that you are to be taxed on $20,000."

"Taxed? Why, boss, down in Virginny dey ain't taxed niggers since de war. Is I under arrest?"

"No. Certainly not."

"Den I'se gwine right back to ole Virginny, boss. Dey don't tax niggers down dar no more!"

The burglar makes hay while the sun doesn't shine.

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Human nature needs an uplifting hand; then, again, it needs to be set down hard.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Inconsistency is often necessary; last year's time table may not fit this year's needs.

Happiness cannot be bought, but one of the great hindrances to its attainment can be removed by Adam's Pepsin Tutti Frutti.

When an old gentleman proceeds to spoil the icy slide the small boy doesn't feel like saying peace to his ashes.

WHAT IS OVARITIS?

A dull, throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with an occasional shooting pain, indicates inflammation.

On examination it will be found that the region of pain shows some swelling. This is the first stage of ovaritis, inflammation of the ovary. If the roof of your house leaks, my sister, you have it fixed at once; why not pay the same respect to your own body?

You need not, you ought not to let yourself go, when one of your own sex holds out the helping hand to you, and will advise you without money, and without price. Write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., and tell her all your symptoms. Her experience in treating female ills is greater than any other living person. Following is a letter from a woman who is thankful for avoiding a terrible operation.

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WELFARE OF THE BODY.

Dr. Talmage Says Simple Life Conduces to Longevity.

Religion Is the Great Renewer--Worry Hastens the Advance of Age--People Allow the Years to Run Away With Them.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage shows how any one can conquer the effect of years and grow younger in spirit; text, Psalms ciii, 5, "So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

There flies out from my text the most majestic of all the feathered creation—an eagle. Other birds have more beauty of plume and more sweetness of voice, but none of them has such power of beak, such clutch of claw, such expansion of wing, such height of soaring, such wideness of dominion. Its appetite rejects the carrion that invites the vulture, and in most cases its food is fresh and clean. Leveling its neck for flight, in spiral curve, it swings itself toward the noonday sun. It has been known to live a hundred years. What concentration of all that is sublime in the golden eagle, the creasted eagle, the imperial eagle, the martial eagle, the booted eagle, the Jean le Blanc eagle! But after awhile in its life comes the molting process, and it looks ragged and worn and unattractive, and feels like moping in its nest on the high crags. But weeks go by and the old feathers are gone and new ornithological attire is put on, and its beak, which was overgrown, has the surplus of bone beaten off against the rocks, and it gets back its old capacity for food, and again it mounts the heavens in unchallenged and boundless kingdoms of air and light. David, the author of the text, had watched these monarchs of the sky, and knew their habits, and one day, exulting in his own physical and spiritual rejuvenescence, he says to his own soul: "You are getting younger all the time. You make me think of an eagle which I saw yesterday, just after its molting season, swinging through the valley of Jehoshaphat and then circling around the head of Mount Olivet. O my soul, 'thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.'"

The fact is that people get old too fast. They allow the years to run away with them. The almanac and the family record discourage them. Some of you are older than you have any business to be. You ought to realize that as the body gets older the soul ought to get younger. Coming on toward old age you are only in the molting season, and after that you will have better wings, take higher flight and reign in clearer atmosphere. Our religion bids us to look after the welfare of the body as well as of the soul, and the first part as well as the latter part of my subject is appropriate for the pulpit.

Many might turn the years backward and get younger by changing their physical habits. The simpler life one lives the longer he lives. Thomas Parr, of Shropshire, England, was a plain man and worked on a farm for a livelihood. At 120 years of age he was at his daily toil. He lived under nine kings of England. When 122 years of age he was heard of in London. The king desired to see him, and ordered him to the palace, where he was so richly and royally treated that it destroyed his health, and he died at 152 years and nine months of age.

When Dr. Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, made post mortem examination of Thomas Parr, he declared there were no signs of senile decay in the body. The man must have renewed his youth, like the eagle, again and again.

All occupations and professions have afforded illustrations of rejuvenescence. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, lived 109 years, and among those eminent in the medical profession who became septuagenarians and octogenarians and nonagenarians were Darwin, Gall, Boerhaave, Jenner and Ruysch, observing themselves the laws of health that they taught their patients.

In art and literature and science among those who lived into the eighties were Plato and Franklin and Carlyle and Goethe and Buffon and Halley. Sophocles reached the nineties.

You cannot tell how old a man is from the number of years he has lived. I have known people actually boyish in their dispositions at eighty years of age, while Louis II., King of Hungary, died of old age at twenty.

Haydn's oratoria, "The Creation," was composed at seventy years of age. Humboldt wrote his immortal work, "The Cosmos," at seventy-five. William Cullen Bryant, at eighty-two years of age, in my house, read without spectacles "Thanatopsis," which he had composed when eighteen years of age. Isocrates did illustrious work at ninety-four.

Liontinus Gorgias was busy when death came to him at 107 years of age. Herschel at eighty years of age was hard at work in stellar exploration. Masinissa, king of Numidia, at ninety years of age, led a victorious cavalry charge against the Carthagenians.

Titian was engaged on his greatest painting when he died in his one hundredth year. How often they must have renewed their youth!

But the average longevity of those in private life, and with less mental strain and no conspicuous success, is much larger than the average longevity of the renowned. There are hundreds of thousands of men and women now renewing their youth like the eagle's, so that the possibility of such a turning back of the years is all around us being demonstrated.

Bismarck, the greatest of German statesmen, a long while before his decease, passed his eightieth milestone. When Gladstone was eighty-three years of age, I ran with him up and down the hills of Hawarden. We started for a walk, but it got to be a run. All those men again and again renewed their youth.

Some one writes me, "Is not threescore and ten the bound of human life, according to the Bible?" My reply is that Moses (not David), who wrote that psalm, was giving a statistic of his own day.

Through better understanding of the laws of health and advancement of medical science the statistics of longevity have mightily changed since the time of Moses, and the day is coming when a nonagenarian will no longer be a wonder. Phlebotomy shortened the life of whole generations, and the lancet that bled for everything is now rarely taken from the doctor's pocket.

Dentstry has given power of healthy mastication to the human race, and thus added greatly to the prolongation of life. Electric lights have improved human sight, which used to be strained by the dim tallow candle. The dire diseases which under other names did their fatal work, and were considered almost incurable now in a majority of cases are conquered.

Vaccination, which has saved millions of lives and balked the greatest scourge of nations, and surgery, which has advanced more than any other science, have done more than can be told for the prolongation of human life.

The X-ray has turned the human body, which was opaque, into a lighted castle. It is easier in this age to renew one's youth than in any other age.

But the body is the smallest and least important part of you. It is your soul that most needs rejuvenation, but that will also help bodily vivification. In order to do this I advise you to banish as far as possible all fretfulness out of your life. The doing of that will make you ten years younger. I know many good, Christian people who are worrying themselves out in managing the affairs of the universe. They have undertaken too big a job. They are trying to drive too long and fiery a team. They have all the affairs of church and state on hand, and they fret about this and fret about that and fret about the other thing. They fear that China will be divided up among the nations and there will be an entanglement causing wars such as we have never heard of. They fear that Edward VII. will not be as wise a king as his mother was a queen. They are appalled at the accumulated national debt. They fear society is going to pieces by reason of immoralities. They apprehend that America will be overcrowded with foreigners. They say the newspapers are getting so bad that this country is going to be utterly demoralized. They are all the time apprehensive of social and religious and political calamities, and it is telling on their mental health, depressing their physical health, and, instead of renewing their youth like the eagle's, they are imitating the eagle who would sit in his nest of sticks lined with grass on the rock, mourning about the woes of the ornithological world, the loneliness of the pelican, the filthiness of the vulture, the croak of the raven, the reckless of the albatross. Would that improve things? No. It would be a molting process for that eagle which would never close, and it would only get thinner and more gloomy and less able to gain food for its young and less able to enjoy a landscape as it appears under a twenty-mile flight on a summer morning under the blue heavens.

I do not advise you to be indifferent to these great questions that pertain to church and state and nations, but not to fret about them. Realize that it is not an anarchy that has charge of affairs in this world, but a divine government. At the head of this universe is a King whose eye is omniscience and whose heart is infinite love. His government is not going to be a failure. He cannot be defeated. Better trust Him in the management of this world and of all worlds. All you and I have to do is to accomplish the work that is put in our hands. That is all we have to be responsible for. In a well managed orchestra the players upon stringed and wind instruments do not watch each other. The cornetist does not look to see how the violinist is drawing the bow over the strings, nor does the flute player scrutinize the drum. They all watch the baton of the leader. And we are all carrying our part, however insignificant it may be, in the great harmony.

My text suggests that heaven is an eternal youth. A cycle of years will not leave any mark upon the immortal nature. Eternity will not work upon the soul in heaven any change unless it be more radiance and more wisdom and more rapture. A rolling on from glory to glory! In anticipation of that some of the happiest people on earth are aged Christians. The mightiest testimonics have been given by the veterans in the gospel army. While some of the aged have allowed themselves to become morose and cynical and impatient with youth and pessimistic about the world and have become possessed with the spirit of scold and fault finding, and are fearful of being crowded out of their sphere many of the aged have been glad to step aside that others may have a chance and are hopeful about the world, expecting its redemption instead of its demolition, and they are inspiration and comfort and helpfulness to the household and to the neighborhood and to the church. The children hail the good old man as he comes down the road. His smile, his words, his manner, his whole life, make the world think better of religion.

What a good thing it is, all ye aged Christians, that you can soon get rid of dulled ear and sight that requires strong eyeglasses and infirmities which make you hold on to the banister, leaving you panting at the head of the stairs, and enter a land of eternal health, where the most rubicund cheek of robust life on earth would be emaciation compared with the vigor of the immortals. What a good thing to get beyond being misunderstood and blamed for what you could not help, and picked at by a hard world, and then pass into a heavenly society where all think well of each other, and friendships are eternal, depreciation and slander and backbiting unknown, for the gate of heaven was shut against them in the statement, "Without are dogs." What a good thing to have satisfying and glorious explanation of things that puzzled you twenty or forty or eighty years, to have the interrogation point abolished and all mystery solved and God's government vindicated, and you will see why He allowed sin and sorrow to come into the world, and why the bad were permitted to live so long and the good were cut off in the time of their greatest usefulness, and why so many of the consecrated find life a struggle, while many of the infamous ride prosperously, princes afoot and beggars a-horseback, and the last honest question shall have been answered.

Gibbon in his history says that Mohammed had a dream in which he thought that, mounted on the horse Borak, he ascended the seven heavens and approached within two bow shots of the throne and felt a cold that pierced him to the heart when his shoulder was touched by the hand of God. That might do for Mohammed's heaven, but not for a Christian heaven. No cold hand put upon your shoulder there, no cold hand of repulse or doubt, but the warm hand of welcome, the warm hand of saintly communion, the warm hand of God.

I congratulate all Christians who are in the eventide. Good cheer to all of you. Your best days are yet to come. You are yet to hear the best songs, see the grandest sights, take the most delightful journeys, form the most elevating friendships, and after 10,000 years of transport you will be no nearer the last rapture than when you were thrilled with the first.

In heaven you will have what most pleases you. Archbishop Leighton's desire for heaven was a desire for Christ and purity and love, and he has found there what he wanted. John Foster rejoiced at the thought of heaven, because there he could study the secrets of the universe without restraint, and he has been regaling himself in that search. Southey thought of heaven as a place where he would meet with the learned and the great—Chaucer and Dante and Shakespeare. He no doubt has found that style of communion. That great and good Dr. Dick was fond of mathematics, and he said he thought much of the time in heaven would be given to that study, and I have no doubt that since ascension he has made advancement in that science. The "twelve manner of fruits" spoken of in Revelation means all kinds of enjoyment in heaven, for twelve manner of fruits includes all the chief fruits that are grown on trees. I suppose there will be as many kinds of enjoyment as there will be inhabitants.

You will have in heaven just what you want. Are you tired? Then heaven will be rest. Are you passionately fond of sweet sounds? Then it will be music. Are you stirred by pictures? There will be all the colors on the new heavens, on the jasper sea, and the walls imbedded with what splendors! Are you fond of great architecture? There you will find the temple of God and the Lamb and the uplifted thrones. Are you longing to get back to your loved ones who have ascended? Then it will be reunion. Are you a home body? Then it will be home. Here and there in this world you will find some one who now lives where he was born, and three or four generations may have dwelt in the same house, but most people have had several homes—the home of childhood, the home they built or rented for their early manhood, the home of riper and more prosperous years. But all homes put together, precious as they are in remembrance, or from present occupancy, cannot equal the heavenly home in the house of many mansions. No sickness will ever come there, for it is promised "there shall be no more pain." No parting at the front door, no last look at faces never to be seen again, but home with God, home with each other, home, forever.

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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian: Centre Hall, communion at 10.30 a. m., preaching at 7 p. m.; preaching at Spring Mills at 2.30 p. m.

Reformed: Centre Hall 2.30 p. m; Tusseyville 10.30 a. m.

Lutheran: George's Valley, morning; Union afternoon; Centre Hall, no services.

Sale Notes.

Sale notes can be had at the Reporter office.

Barner Not Guilty.

Absalom Barner, accused of the murder of Adam Goodling, on October 2, at Mifflintown, was acquitted.

On the Governor's Staff.

Col. W. Fred Reynolds was appointed as an aid on the Staff of Governor Wm. A. Stone. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Col. George A. Huhon, of Philadelphia.

Another Smith.

Photographer W.W.Smith, of State College, was unable to reach his Centre Hall Studio last Friday, simply because he had to stay home and play with the baby boy that put in an appearauce on Valeptine day.

Will Build a New House.

James Alexander is having lumber sawed with which he expects to build a new house on his farm at Earlystown, with a view of dividing the farm into two parts. Those who know Abner Alexander and Miss Jennie Odenkirk will begin to calculate who will occupy the new house.

Got an Appointment.

Stewart Weber, teacher of the grammar school at Aaronsburg, has just received a government appointment in the railway mail service as a postal clerk; he left Tuesday afternoon for Lock Haven, from thence to Tyrone, where he will be assigned to duty. Editor Raine, of the Millheim Journal will finish his term of teaching Mr. Weber is the young man who recently secured the $5.00 cash prize given by the Reporter.

Miss Gould As A Giver.

Among those woman who have come into recent note by careful management of great wealth, is Miss Helen Miller Gould, daughter of Jay Gould and sister-in-law of the extravagant Count de Castellane. Miss Gould's work for the soldiers and sailors of the Spanish war is still fresh in the memory. Much that is familiar regarding her gifts and her methods of giving is told by Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton in the March Delineator. Miss Gould is one who dislikes notoriety and therefore, one whose gifts often go unrecorded.

Creasy Has Grangers' Bills.

A revenue bill which allows the counties to retain about $3.000,000 annually of the taxes now collected by them for the State was prepared by the committee, and will be introduced in the House to day Thursday, by Mr. Creasy, of Columbia. He will present at same time a petition from the State Grange urging the Legislature to enact a law to make up the revenue which it is proposed to divert from the State Treasury by taxing such subjects which, the Grangers claim, do not now bear their equitable share of State taxation.

Linden Hall Convention.

The musical convention at Linden Hall closed on Friday evening with a grand concert, says the Linden Hall correspondent. The house was crowded and every one seemed to enjoy the evening. Although the weather was very cold and the roads drifted so as to be almost impassable, the attendance during the entire week was good. The proceeds amounted to about sixty dollars, which after the expenses were paid left a nice balance for the benefit of the singing class. Prof. Crawford instructor, and Ed. L. Bartholomew, organist, proved efficient in the positions they occupied.

HARDWARE STORE BURNED.

Lamp Upset and $7000 Worth of Property Destroyed.

	LOSS.	INS.
D. Irvin's Sons, hardware	$4,000	$3,000
Building	1,800	1,200
Foundry Company, 100 corn planters	825	.....
" " 100 feed cutters..	350	.....
G. A. R. and S. of V.	500	.....
Total	$7,475	$4 200

Loss over insurance....$3,275.

These are the figures that represent the loss in the fire of Tuesday afternoon.

The fire was caused by a lamp upsetting in the cellar, which was taken there by Mrs. Irvin when she went for a bucket of coal. The woman tried to extinguish the flames, but the fire soon spread to a lot of rubbish and it was with difficulty she gained the stairway which led to safety from the flames. Almost choked to death with smoke, the frightened woman managed to give the alarm.

Before the alarm was heeded and assistance came, the hardware store room was filled with smoke, and it was impossible for any one to enter.

The office of the Centre Hall foundry company was in one corner of the building, and was separated by a brick wall. This was opened and all papers and the safe taken out before any damage was done.

The hose carriages arrived in good time, but the inflammable matter in the cellar was burning at a terrific rate and the flames had crept up the side of the building inside the weather boarding. Presently there was a terrific explosion, and all effort to save the building was abandoned. The whole glass front of the building was blown out by the explosion and the flames shot high in the air. Besides the powder, there were several hundred gallons of oil of all kinds in the oil room, and the heat it created was intense.

The building and its contents were doomed. Attention was then given surrounding property, which was that of Dr. J. F. Alexander, D. J. Meyer, W. B. Mingle, Esq., Mrs. McCulley, and Miss Emily Alexander. The wind came directly from the west and was favorable. The McCulley house, Miss Emily Alexander's and Dr. Alexander's houses were on fire several times, but each time was extinguished. The house occupied by Merchant W. H. Meyer was also on fire, as were also a half dozen stables. It took close watching to confine the flames to the original building. The house of D J. Meyer was pretty well scorched, but the continued watch of its owner and others succeeded in baffling the elements.

Diagonally across the street and back of the house Miss Emily Alexander that morning had hung her wash to dry. A spark lit on some of the clothing and it was consumed on the line.

The first alarm of the fire was given at out 1:45 p. m.

The building was the property of E. M. Huyett and W. O. Rearick. The heaviest loss is that of the foundry company, composed of W. O Rearick and Edward Sellers, who had no insurance on the stock of corn planters and feed cutters.

The only thing saved belonging to the hardware store was the cash box, which Mrs. Irvin in her flight snatched up. All the books were burned. The hardware store will be opened again as soon as a temporary room can be secured. The Irvins were doing a nice business and wish to continue.

Samuel Shannon Post, G. A. R., and the Sons of Veterans had their rooms in the upper story of the building. Everything in them was destroyed, including a valuable collection of official war documents. No insurance.

W. O. Rearick returned home Wednesday evening. He heard the news of the fire at Millersburg, through Chas. H. Meyer, liveryman, formerly of this place.

A. EDWARD MEYER KILLED.

Run Down by a Team of Horses—Neck Broken and Head Crushed.

A. Edward Meyer, of Centre Hill, was instantly killed Wednesday forenoon by a team of horses hitched to a sled loaded with logs striking him and passing over his body. His neck was broken, his head crushed, both ears torn off, one leg broken and cut and bruised all over his body.

The unfortunate man, together with David Smetzler, was hauling saw logs from Centre Hill to A. P Luse & Co's saw mill, and Wednesday morning started with two teams to perform their day's work. It was rather cold that morning, and when the teamsters reached a point on this side of Centre Hill, they concluded to walk. Mr. Meyer was driving the first team and at the time of the accident was walking behind his sled and in front of the second team. While passing through a field on the other side of Homan's, "Mick" Miller, one of the milk gatherers for the Creamery company, came driving along and went to pass the teams. This frightened both teams. Mr. Meyer started to run to catch his horses, but the horses in the rear sled overtook him and in some way he was thrown on the snow. The brutes ran over him, and the front bob of the heavy lumber sled loaded with logs passed over his body. The rear bob struck him on the neck, and dragged him for a distance of ten or twelve rods. His head was horribly mangled. When picked up he was dead.

The sled was partly unloaded and the body laid on the logs and conveyed to his home. Mrs. Meyer was horror stricken when the lifeless, mangled body of her husband was brought home.

Mr. Meyer was aged thirty-eight years, and was a son of George Meyer, of Coburn. He was married to Miss Agnes Sellers, who with two children, a boy of fourteen years and a girl of nine years survive.

The funeral will take place Friday at one o'clock at the house. Interment at Boalsburg. His pastor, Rev. G. W. Kershner, of the Reformed church will officiate.

A number of communications were crowded out.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Miss Peggy Smetzler, died at Sprucetown.

In the northern part of the State two feet of snow fell Tuesday.

Miss Grace Lee entertained a number of her friends Tuesday evening.

Miss Ida Rhoads is confined to bed with grip, having a serious attack.

Millheim voted for water. The Journal was a staunch advocate for water.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. George Heckman, west of town, is seriously ill.

Davis Evans, of Potters Mills, was stricken with apoplexy Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. S. Slick and children, of Spring Mills, are spending some time with her parents.

Wm. Krader, of Coburn, is acting in the capacity of clerk in the store of W. H. Meyer in this place.

A four weeks' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Joseph, of Bellefonte, was buried Sunday.

Senator Heinle asked for an appropriation of $10,000 for the Cottage State Hospital at Philipsburg.

James Ettinger, of Aaronsburg, will make sale of his household goods and in about three weeks will remove his family to Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Decker, of the Branch, celebrated their fiftieth anniverary on Wednesday. About sixty guests were present.

Rev. W. W. Rhoads last week attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, John S. Harts, Philadelphia, an electrician and engineer for Marks Bros.

Bellefonte had a case of diphtheria. A child of Albert Stine was afflicted with that disease last week and died Friday evening. Her age was three and one-half years.

Benjamin W. Fink, of Hannah Furnace, and William Rossman, of Nittany, have been placed on the United States pension rolls at $12 and $8 month, respectively.

J. H. Rishel, merchant at Farmers Mills, was unfortunate in having a bad fall some time ago, and bruised one of his lower limbs, which has been giving him much pain.

Mr. Mahlon Beck, of Loveville, and Miss Florence Mattern, of Stormstown, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Wilford P. Shriner, pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church.

Prof. W. A. Krise and son George paid a visit to Mrs. Jeff Brown, of Milroy. George, who with his wife and baby, have been visiting in Centre Hall for some time, departed for their home in Chicago.

Miss Marion Fischer, daughter of Rev. W. E. Fischer, of Shamokin, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Wolf. Miss Fischer is a graduate of Lutherville Female Seminary and is an accomplished musician.

The borough election was poorly attended, only sixty-six votes being cast—51 Democratic and 15 Republican. During the fire excitement the election board took a vacation, and assisted in extinguishing the flames.

The Election passed off quietly through out the valley. The Reporter is unable to give a report of the result, except to say that as far as heard from the predominating party in the several districts elected their full ticket.

Rev. L. K. Evans, D. D., of Pottstown, Pa., Monday came to Spring Mills on a visit to his aged mother, who is not in the best of health. Dr Evans is a man held in the highest esteem by the people he is serving.

An intoxicated man, who insulted women passengers on a Philadelphia and Reading passenger train, was tossed into a snow drift by the crew, who stopped the train for that purpose, soon after the train left the station at Williamsport.

Prof. C. Coles, the Kingston scientist and astronomer, died at his home at Pittston Saturday morning. His publication of Storms and Signs, a monthly journal of scientific lore and prognostication, had also gained him fame.

If Attorney General Griggs resigns his cabinet position P. C. Knox, of Pittsburg, will likely succeed him. Minister Harris has already resigned and Mr. McCormick, of Chicago, will go to Austria as the successor of Mr. Harris.

"Down in Dixie," a play of the civil war, will be given by home talent, in the hall at Boalsburg, Saturday evening, February 23. This play consists of five acts, and will be given in the best style. Admission 10 and 15 cents; reserved seats 25 cents.

W. T. Thomas, of Cross Forks, Potter county, arrived in Centre Hall Monday evening. He is a son of Adam Thomas, formerly of this place, but who now also lives at Cross Forks. The Thomases are still doing carpenter work and taking contracts.

Burt K. Henderson, of San Francisco, California, died at that place recently. He was employed for some time by his brother, H. C. Henderson, a coal dealer on the Pacific coast. The deceased was a son of the late James Henderson, of Benner township, this county, and was aged nearly forty years.

SUING FOR SUPPORT.

Sensational Story Circulated in the West Relative to a Pine Grove Mills Resident.

William Harpster, of Freeport, Ill., furnished the following information to the Reporter, relative to a former resident of Pine Grove Mills, who suddenly disappeared nearly half a century ago.

By the filing of a suit in the McLean county, Illinois, circuit court by Mrs. Elizabeth Erb, of Pine Grove Mills, Pa., against William Elbert, of McLean county, for separate support, it is expected the mystery surrounding the disappearance of William Erb from his home in Pennsylvania in the fall of 1854 will be solved.

Neighbors and acquaintances of Mrs. Erb have been puzzled nearly half a century over the strange disappearance of Erb, and although one man who was tried for his murder was found not guilty, the accusation against him was still entertained because it was the only plausiole theory advanced. Now people have changed their minds, for the plaintiff declares investigation has shown that her husband was not murdered, as was supposed, but willfully deserted her, went west, changed his name, married again and settled down as a farmer. William Elbert, she says, is the man, and she is seeking to compel him to support her in her old age.

Great interest is centered in the case, which will come up for trial next month, for Elbert's reply to her charges will not be made known until then. If it is found Elbert is the husband of Mrs. Erb it not only will solve the mystery of his strange disappearance nearly half a century ago, but it will dispel the shadow of a crime that has hung over a citizen of Pine Grove Mills, ever since he was on trial charged with the murder of Erb. It is one of the most remarkable cases ever filed in that city, and the story connected with it is interesting.

According to the allegations of the plaintiff, she was married to William Erb, at Pine Grove Mills, Pa., December 11, 1849. For five years the couple lived happily. They had a good home. Erb was prosperous, three children were born to them and there was nothing to mar the serenity of their lives. All this came to a sudden ending in the fall of 1854, when Erb, the husband and father, disappeared. Without warning and with absolutely no known motive he left home and family and never returned. Suspicion arose that he had met with foul play. Searching parties were organized and the neighborhood was scoured in the hope of finding trace of the missing man. The wife's conviction that he had been murdered was snared in by all. Erb's family was well to do, and a large reward was offered for any clew which would lead to information regarding the missing man's whereabouts. The search for him meantime was continued, but was not successful. Finally it was dropped and the people were convinced he had been disposed of in some way which never would be revealed.

One day suspicion was directed against one of Erb's neighbors. He was arrested and charged with the crime. There was nothing against him to speak of; yet the charge was a sensational one, and the state placed him on trial, although the evidence was mainly circumstantial. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and the jury returned a verdict in his favor. His life previous to this time had been a miserable one, and the stigma and long confinement in jail combined to wreck his health and spirits.

It is alleged by the plaintiff that the missing man is alive, is prosperous and amply able to care for her in her old age. Her information concerning Elbert came to her through a real estate dealer who was acquainted with the disappearance of the Pine Grove Mills man. He noticed the similarity in names and description and informed Mrs. Erb of his discovery. She began an investigation and claims to have found that William Elbert is her missing husband. She asserts that after deserting her he went directly to McLean county and under the name of William Elbert began life anew. He started in as a renter, but saved enough to buy a farm of forty acres about fifteen miles east of Bloomington. He married and two children were born of this union. One of these conducts his farm. His second wife, according to the plaintiff, died several years ago, but he finds much happiness in the company of his children and grandchildren. Elbert is a man seventy years old.

The above was submitted to a prominent citizen of Furguson township and inquiry made as to its truth. The paragraph relative to an arrest having been made and a trial had before the Centre County Courts is NOT true, according to his statement. It appears also that Erb, some four or five years ago, returned to Pine Grove Mills, which at that time dispelled any suspicion that might have been entertained with regard to the sudden disappearance of Erb. Further, it appears that Mrs. Erb prior to Erb's visit east, married, but is now a widow, and is getting a pension of $8 00 from the government. The proceedings instituted by this woman are regarded as unwise by those acquainted with the facts.

HORSE BECAME THE RIDER.

Jumped Into Sled and Had a Glorious Drive.

C. Holmes, of State College, started Started Saturday night in a sleigh with his sister, Miss Mable Holmes, and a friend, Miss Miller, to drive from the College to Spruce Creek. When in the neighborhood of Pine Grove Mills the sleigh broke through a huge snow drift; the occupants were thrown out, and the horse ran away.

The animal, after running a half-mile overtook a sled in which was Amos Koch and three children. The runaway horse made one spring and landed with all fours in the sled right among the children, but fortunately without trampling one of them. The children and driver at once tumbled out into the snow, leaving the horse the only occupant. The horses hitched to the sled took fright and ran away, and sped like wild a half mile or more, the horse in the sled seeming to enjoy his ride. He jumped out when the speed was slackened.

Each Lost a Finger.

Two brothers, William and George McMullen, of Shade Gap, Clinton county, each lost a finger within an hour a few days ago. William cut a finger off his right hand with a circular saw; George cut a finger off his left hand with a hatchet.

Census Report.

	1900.	1891.
Bellefonte Borough	4,216	3,945
Benner township	1,242	1,222
Boggs township	1 869	2 042
Burnside township	444	53
Centre Hall Borough	537	441
College township	1 140	1,666
Curtin township	543	5 6
Ferguson township	1,512	1,748
Gregg township	2,098	1 688
Haines township	1,400	1 490
Half Moon township	624	748
Harris township	826	869
Howard borough	163	154
Howard township	819	940
Huston township	750	766
Liberty township	1,100	1 2'4
Marion township	535	611
Miles township	1,347	1,4 8
Millesburg borough	594	714
Millheim borough	612	700
Patton township	924	1.015
Penn township	880	978
Philipsburg borough	3,266	3,245
Potter township	1,765	1 764
Rush township	2,439	2 82
Snow Shoe township	2 786	2 397
South Philipsburg borough	4 7	....
Spring township	2 921	3,190
State College borough	851	.....
Taylor township	564	577
Union township	816	82
Unionville borough	359	348
Walker township	1,270	1,333
Worth township	732	840
County	42 894	43,209

Marriage Licenses.

Samuel S. Knup, Boalsburg, Mary Lesher, Benore.

Mahlon Beck, Loveville, Florence Mattern, Stormstown.

Albert N. Bierly, Millesburg, Rose B. Levy, Millesburg.

Robert Fenton, Philipsburg, Mary H. Maddox, DuBois.

Edward T. Spicer, Boggs township, Miss Lindelwith, Union township.

Howard M. Way, Stormstown, Effa B. Griffin, Stormstown.

F. K. Hill, of the Sunbury Item, has been appointed postmaster at Sunbury.

At his public sale, Ezra S. Tressler, of near Linden Hall, will offer a fine lot of short horn cattle, among which are a number of well bred short horn bulls and bull calves. It is an all day sale, and everything offered will be sold. Mr. Tressler expects to go to Missouri in the spring to look out a place to locate permanently. His family will remain here until he has made a suitable selection in the west.

Public Sale.

Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, will sell at his residence, Rhoneymede, three miles west of Old Fort, ninety head of live stock, embracing Morgan and French Coach horses and colts, Holstein cattle, Shropshire sheep, Berkshire swine, also farm implements While these animals have not been registered they have been bred from registered sires for three and four generations. A rare opportunity to buy well bred stock. Sale begins at 10 a. m., March 29th, 1901.

Anna Moyer vs. Lester H. Moyer. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County No. 152, August Term, 1900

DIVORCE A. V. M.

The undersigned, a Commissioner appointed by the said Court to take the testimony of the parties, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Spring Mills, Pa., on Thursday, the 14th day of March A. D. 1901, at nine o'clock, a. m. of said day, when all parties interested will be given an opportunity to be heard.

M. R. HERRING Commissioner.

Spring Mills, Pa. Feb 21, 1901 3t

FOR RENT—One-half of the Dinges dwelling and also store room now occupied as a bakery and confectionery. Apply to HARRY W. DINGES, Centre Hall, Pa.

WANTED.—A good girl at the Haag Hotel, Bellefonte. Good wages paid. Apply in person or by letter.

LEGAL NOTICE—Applications for Liquor License—The following persons have filed their petitions for Liquor License in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Centre County, and that application will be made to the said Court on Tuesday, March 5, 1901.

Henry Brockerhoff, Bellefonte S. W., Tavern.
Maurice W. Yeager Bellefonte, S. W. Tavern.
W. L. Daggett, Bellefonte, W. W. Tavern.
C. M. & C. B. Garman Bellefonte S. W., Tavern.
D. B. Newcomer, Bellefonte, S. W., Tavern.
John Anderson, Bellefonte, W. W., Wholesale Beer.
Geo. W. Mapledorm Philipsburg, 1st W., Tavern.
Christopher Noreb, Philipsburg 2nd W., Tavern.
John Walton, Philipsburg 2nd W., Tavern.
Jonas Stettler, Philipsburg 2nd W., Tavern.
Joseph Peters, Jr., Philipsburg 2nd W., Tavern.
Tempest Slinger Philipsburg, 2nd W., Tavern.
Dorsey P. Meyers, Philipsburg, 2nd W., Tavern.
Isaac Barnes, Jr., Philipsburg 2nd W., Tavern.
Jas. Passmore, Philipsburg, 2nd W., Tavern.
Enoch Hunt Philipsburg, 2 d W. Tavern.
Jas. Black Philipsburg, 2 d W., Wholesale Beer.
Geo. E. Lamb, Philipsburg 2nd W., Wholesale Beer.
Wm. Riley, Philipsburg, 2nd W., Wholesale Beer.
Samuel Rogers, Philipsburg, 2nd W., Wholesale Liquor.
Michael Czar, Philipsburg, 2nd W., Wholesale Liquor.
Orin Vail, Philipsburg, 2nd W., Wholesale Liquor.
J. L. DeHass, Howard Boro, Tavern.
John M. Relsh, Millheim Boro, Tavern.
W. S. Musser, Millheim Boro, Tavern.
Jas. W. Runkle, Centre Hall Boro, Tavern.
W. R Haines, Snow Shoe Twp., Wholesale Liquor.
David Chambers Snow Shoe Twp., Wholesale Liquor.
Geo. B. Uzzell, Snow Shoe Twp., Tavern.
John G. Uzzell Snow Shoe Twp., Tavern.
Lawrence Redding, Snow Shoe Twp., Tavern.
Benjamin Cowperthwait, Rush Twp., Tavern.
H. W. Hawkins, Rush Twp., Tavern.
James P. Hale, Rush Twp., Wholesale Beer.
Edwin Ruhl, Gregg Twp., Tavern.
James S. Reish Potter Twp. Tavern,
S. B. Shaffer, Potter Twp., Tavern.
Noah W. Eby, Haines Twp., Distiller.
Simon E. Long, Penn Twp., Tavern
Alois Kohlbecker, Boggs Twp., Tavern.
Charles P. Reese, Boggs Twp., Tavern.
John C. Mullinger, Spring Twp., Tavern.
Gotlieb Haag, Spring Twp., Distiller.
A. B. Hamon, Liberty Twp., Tavern.
A. L. Nearhood, Miles Twp., Tavern.
Matthews Volk, Benner Twp., Brewer.

M. I. GARDNER Clerk.

Public Sale Register.

FEBRUARY 23, Saturday at 12 o'clock at the residence of J. R. Bible, one mile north of Potters Mills 31 head of stock, horses, bows, heifers, sheep, shoats, and a complete line of farm implements nearly as good as new

MARCH 1, Friday.—J. A. Sankey, one mile northeast of Potters Mills, at 10 a. m., ninety head of live stock, 6 head of horses, consisting of farm and driving horses, yearling Hackney, bred by Col. Reynold's stallion, Pride of the North, 35 head of pure and grade Holstein Friesian cattle, consisting of cows, heifers and calves, mostly of the Art's family, some of which have been bred by the registered bull Pietertje Prince Hengeweid De Kol, whose dam, Netherland Pietertje Princess, official butter record is 23 lbs. in seven days, and is also a grandson of Netherland Hengeweld, who holds the world's best official butter record. 10 head pure bred Tamworth Hogs and 20 grade Tamworth-Berkshire Hogs. The Tamworth's are the English bacon hog. 20 head good stock ewes. Also a full set of farm implements and farm tools, buggy, sleigh etc.

R. P. Odenkirk—Wednesday, March 6, farm stock, implements and household goods.

MARCH 12—Mrs. J. B Royer near Centre Hill; farm stock and implements.

MARCH 16 Saturday.—Wm. H. Blauser, one mile south of Spring Mills, at 1 p. m., farm stock and implements.

MARCH 18—Ezra Tressler, one mile south of Linden Hall, at 9 a. m.; all his farm stock and implements.

MARCH 20—John Wolf, Rebersburg, farm stock, implements and household goods. All implements and stock on farm.

MARCH 21, Thursday, David Bohn, two miles south of Boalsburg, on the Sparr farm, eight horses, nine cows, 14 head of young stock, hogs and farm implements. Sale at 9 o'clock.

John F. Breon—March 21, Spring Mills, farm stock, implements, etc.

MARCH 22—Mrs. M. B. Richards, Centre Hall, at 1 o'clock; household goods.

MARCH 23—G. W. Ocker, Centre Hall, 1 p. m.; household goods.

MARCH 25—Speer Burrell, one mile east of Penn Hall, 10 a. m.; farm stock and implements and steam cooker.

MARCH 26—John C. Bible, at Stone Mill, 10 a. m. farm stock, implements, etc

FEBRUARY 27—H. E. Royer, one mile east of Centre Hill, 10 a. m.; farm stock and implements.

FEBRUARY 28, Thursday, at Potters Mills at the residence of John Harper, one cow, and household goods.

MARCH 28, Thursday.—Mrs. John Showers, about 2 1-2 miles west of Centre Hall, at 1 p. m., farm stock and implements.

MARCH 29—Leonard Rhone, three miles west of Old Fort at 10 a. m.; horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements

MARCH 30, Saturday, at 1 p. m., Centre Hall, at the residence of J. W. Wolf, one fine Jersey cow, household goods, etc.

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